

Rend your hearts,
not your garments,
and return to the
Lord
your God.

Joel 2:13

THE SEASON OF
LENT



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Patrick Church of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes in the Sidney Deanery with Church of 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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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, March 18

5:00 p.m. Monica Gross

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 a.m. John Quinn

9:30 a.m. Daniel Kerber

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

MONDAY, March 20

7:45 a.m. Jane Naas

TUESDAY, March 21

7:45 a.m. Aaron Rieck

WEDNESDAY, March 22

7:45 a.m. Dan Bowman

THURSDAY, March 23

8:30 a.m. John Walker

FRIDAY, March 24

7:45 a.m. Michele Hudson

SATURDAY, March 25

Wedding William Smith & Morgan Peltier

5:00 p.m. Teri Adamson

SUNDAY, March 26

7:30 a.m. Jenny Brueckman

9:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
of the Gwisdala &
Fisher Families

11:30 a.m. Randy Kramer

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

FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 7 of 27:

After Our Lady appeared....

Before we continue, it is important for us to look at the response of the village, in particular Lucia's mother, to the claim the children saw the "beautiful Lady." At the time of the apparitions, the children were 10, 8, and 7 years old. Lucia was the oldest and Jacinta was the youngest. During all the apparitions (both the angel and Mary), all three could see, but only Lucia and Jacinta could hear and only Lucia spoke. After the first visit from Mary, the children agreed that they would keep all things a secret to themselves. But this promise didn't last very long, for no sooner did the children reach the village of *Aljustrel* (where they lived), than the young Jacinta told her parents that, "they had seen the beautiful lady." This claim spread quickly through the village and led to great suffering for all of the children, but especially Lucia. Lucia's mother was sort of the "matriarch of the village." She was very respected and therefore, took great offense at the rumblings for she believed it embarrassed her and her family. She made it her goal to force Lucia to tell the "truth." At one point, Lucia recalls her mother dragging her through the town to the church so that Lucia could confess to the priest her sin of lying. This type of response from her mother continued for most of Lucia's childhood.

The sharing of this information is important, as the children were preparing for the second visit of Our Lady. Our Lady was to visit on June 13th, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. This is one of the most important feast days for the Portuguese people. St. Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal. The young people always looked forward to the festival following church for this feast. Lucia's mother was convinced that Lucia would not miss the festival. In the next article, we will explore the June visit of Our Lady.



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 March 27 so that your loved one may be remembered in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday.

BEACONS
CORNER

The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To read more, go to <https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report>.

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: March 6 – Roman Isham

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Confession Times:

Wednesday: 6:00-7:45 p.m. with Adoration

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

Please see the parish website for a list of Confession Times at our Parish Family Churches.

NEW MEMBERS

Christine and Kurt Moss, Joe and Kaitlin Poeppelman, Steve and Angie Yount.

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.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Just a reminder that if you are in the need of rides to church, shopping, errands, respite care or meals, St. Patrick is offering a Ministry of Care. If you are in the need of this help or able to help in any of these ways, please contact the Parish Office to request the help or volunteer. When a need is requested an email goes out to those who have signed up for that need and whoever can help will be assigned. Thank you so much to those who have volunteered for this ministry and help out our fellow parishioners.

A LENTEN PARISH EVENT

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Saturday, March 25

We will be showing this powerful movie about the *Passion of Christ* following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the undercroft. We will serve soup and crackers at 6:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at 6:45 p.m. No reservations, just come and join us as we near the end of Lent and prepare for Holy Week coming up soon.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend is the 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.

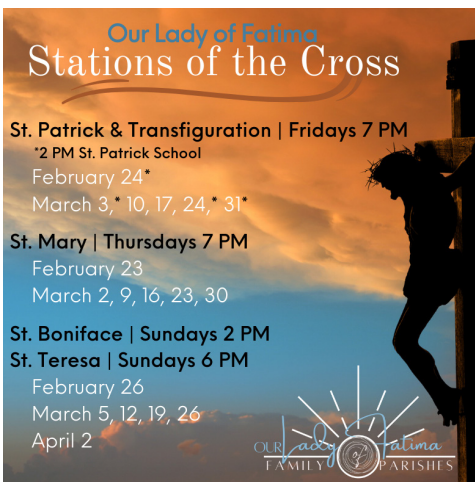
CHURCH ROOF UPDATE

The new tiles have been ordered and are expected to arrive sometime later this summer. In the meantime, we are still trying to secure the funding needed for completion. If you would like to donate to the roof fund, please mark your donation "roof." Any donation is greatly appreciated and will go directly to this project.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday Masses	\$ 9,424.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 1,539.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 9,909.76
Total	\$ 20,872.76
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 6,642.76

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



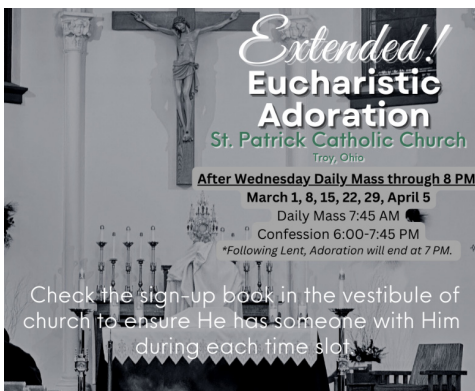
**Our Lady of Fatima
Stations of the Cross**

St. Patrick & Transfiguration | Fridays 7 PM
*2 PM St. Patrick School
February 24*
March 3, * 10, 17, 24, * 31*

St. Mary | Thursdays 7 PM
February 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

St. Boniface | Sundays 2 PM
St. Teresa | Sundays 6 PM
February 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
FAMILY PARISHES



**Extended!
Eucharistic
Adoration**

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Troy, Ohio

After Wednesday Daily Mass through 8 PM.
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
Daily Mass 7:45 AM
Confession 6:00-7:45 PM
*Following Lent, Adoration will end at 7 PM.

Check the sign-up book in the vestibule of church to ensure He has someone with Him during each time slot.

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of Norman Shumaker who recently passed away. May his soul rest in the glorious peace of Heaven.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Parishioners, I would like to let you know that April 6th will be my last day as Business Manager of St. Patrick. During the last almost seven years here, we have made great strides in reducing our debt, restoring our credit and adding significantly to our investment savings at the Archdiocese. I am impressed with the commitment and dedication and generosity of you, the parishioners. Thank you for letting me be of service to you and know that you will remain in my prayers.

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.

RECEIVING HEALING

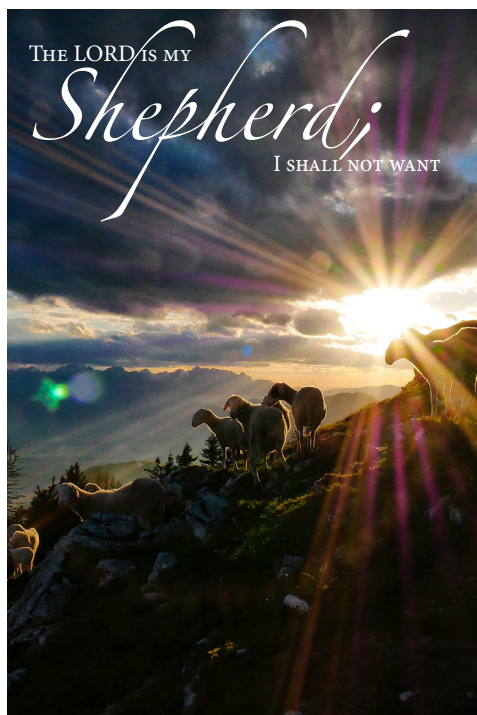
Reflection on John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, John offers another dramatic story describing the healing of a man born blind and a range of responses to this healing. The experience of healing itself involves both the action of Jesus – using mud and spittle to smear on the man's eyes – and the response and cooperation of the man who must go and wash in the pool of Siloam, which means "sent." With physical sight restored, and spiritual sight awakened, this man is now "sent" as a witness to Jesus.

But look at the reactions! Accusations of sin all over the place. Mistrust, denial and division among the religious leaders. Too frightened of the controversy to get involved from the parents. Confusion from neighbors. What do we make of all this?

Jesus, the Light of the World, came to dispel darkness and sin. How do we experience and receive this healing for ourselves and others? Do we see reality with the eyes of faith when the Light of Christ exposes falsehood and reveals truth that is uncomfortable? Are we at times so comfortable with our blindness that we prefer ignorance over enlightenment? These are all good questions, prompted from the Gospel, for us to consider during this Lenten journey.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

Monday, March 20, 2023

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Saint Turibus of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24, 2023

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25, 2023

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

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

The Fourth Week of Lent

Loving Creator of mine,

I feel the pace quicken, the time draws near.

I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter

and the promised reconciliation with You.

Teach me to follow the example of Your Son,

to be worthy of being called one of His people:

a Christian.

Help me to live each day as He did

turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.

I await the new life with eagerness, faith

and a deep gratitude. Amen.

AROUND OUR PARISH

TOILETRY DRIVE FOR FIRST PLACE FOOD PANTRY March 25th and 26th

St Vincent de Paul is hosting a toiletry drive for the First Place Food Pantry of Troy the weekend of March 25th and 26th. Bins will be posted in the back of church and Undercroft until 1:00 p.m. Sunday. At this time, First Place has special need for: deodorant, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, paper towels, chapstick, disposable razors, laundry soap, Band-Aids, Q-tips, cotton balls, dish soap, diapers – sizes 5 & 6, body wash, and baby wipes.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

BLOOM SPRING FLOWER SALE!

BLOOM Spring Flowers are coming to **LEHMAN JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS!**

The BLOOM Spring Flowers program consists of this year's most popular spring flower choices.

The sale will run from March 20th until April 3rd. Pick up your flowers on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Piqua Catholic School Southwest Parking Lot, **directly behind the school, on the corner of Franklin and Greene Streets.**

Contact a ST. PAT'S student family or contact Courtney Witt at 937-638-0791 or Tricia Zimmerman at 937-418-1013.

CURTAINS

LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL presents **CURTAINS**, a musical comedy whodunit from John Kander and Fred Ebb, the songwriting team that created the musical *Chicago*. Performances are MARCH 23, 24, and 25, 2023 at the Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 W. Poplar Street in downtown Sidney. Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. For tickets, go to sidneytheatre.org.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

The St. Boniface/St. Mary Welcome to CRHP women invites all women of Our Lady of Fatima parishes and women friends to pray the Stations of the Cross with *Mary's Way of the Cross* on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary church. Questions? Contact Barb Kohl at 937-773-9205 or bkohl@woh.rr.com.

PRAYER CHAIN

While Mary Griliot recuperates, please contact Sue Hastings at 937-339-2945 or shastings@woh.rr.com with prayer requests. Thank you.

LENTEN ANGELS

Lenten Angels, be sure to be praying, sending cards or notes to your person. Don't reveal who you are until just before Easter. It is so nice to know someone is keeping you in prayer and giving you words of encouragement.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Ministry of Holy Communion for healthcare and homebound parishioners is **SEEKING HELP**. Individuals and couples are needed to visit our brothers and sisters unable to attend Mass. A visit with Holy Communion is a spiritual encounter for everyone participating. For additional information, please contact Deacon John Carlin at 937-339-0726 or Ken Vendryes at [kvsend80@roadrunner.com](mailto:kvend80@roadrunner.com) or 937-545-9197. THANK YOU.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE LIVESTREAM

The Transfiguration Men's prayer group will be hosting a livestream of the March 25th Catholic Men's Conference in Cincinnati.

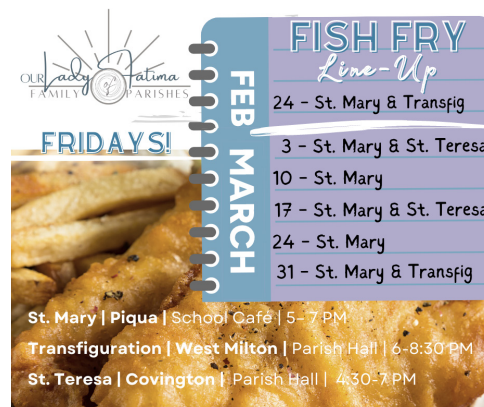
Place: Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal on Calumet Road. Time: Same as Conference, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost will be based on number attending. If you are interested, please contact Mike Schubert (text or call) at 937-776-9082 or email mike.schubert325@gmail.com.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A CHILD

All of us have suffered the loss of a loved one and the pain that accompanies a loss. There is a special pain that accompanies the loss of a child, no matter how old the child may be at the time of loss. On March 27th at 7:30 p.m., the Respect Life Committee will be holding an evening of prayer for anyone who has experienced this pain. We invite everyone to St. Mary in Piqua. Come pray with us or those who have experienced losing a child. This is our gift to anyone who may be suffering from this loss.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., for **BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD** at Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville. Join us for a day of fellowship, growth, social action, and prayer. Sponsored by the Holy Angels Outreach Committee, Fields of Justice Collaborative, and the Archdiocesan Office of Social Action.



FISH FRY Line-Up

24 - St. Mary & Transfig
3 - St. Mary & St. Teresa
10 - St. Mary
17 - St. Mary & St. Teresa
24 - St. Mary
31 - St. Mary & Transfig

St. Mary | Piqua | School Cafeteria | 5-7 PM
Transfiguration | West Milton | Parish Hall | 6-8:30 PM
St. Teresa | Covington | Parish Hall | 4:30-7 PM



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS
A LENTEN SERIES:
The Eucharist

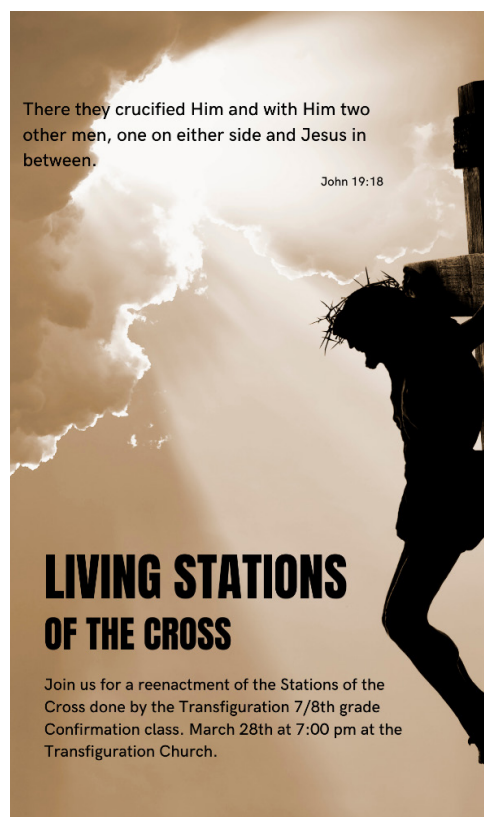
TUESDAY, 2/28 - EUCHARIST, THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT
TRANSFIGURATION PARISH HALL | WEST MILTON | FR. LEE

MONDAY, 3/6 - JESUS WAITS FOR US IN THE SACRAMENT OF LOVE
ST. MARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA | PIQUA | FR. ERIC

THURSDAY, 3/16 - EUCHARIST AS MERCY
ST. PATRICK UNDERCROFT | TROY | FR. STEVE

WEDNESDAY, 3/22 - GO FORTH, THE MASS IS ENDED
ST. TERESA PARISH HALL | COVINGTON | FR. JIM

Talks 7:00 PM | Social Gatherings 6:30 PM



There they crucified Him and with Him two other men, one on either side and Jesus in between.

John 19:18

**LIVING STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

Join us for a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross done by the Transfiguration 7/8th grade Confirmation class. March 28th at 7:00 pm at the Transfiguration Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GRIEF SHARE 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 or grief and recovery topics.

The sessions began **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.


**THE TRAVELING
SHAMROCKS PRESENTS...**

Hawaiian Adventures with Fr. Eric - Travel dates: January 25-February 3, 2024. Go to 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.

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

SCHOOL

We will be offering a preschool and PK Open House on March 29th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. St. Patrick Preschool offers a five-day PK program, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4-year-old program, and a Tuesday, Thursday 3-year-old program. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. We offer before-care starting at 7:30 a.m. and after-care care programs from 11:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Our program is a 5-Star rated Step Up to Quality Program. If you are looking for a preschool program for the 2023-2024 school year, please stop by and find out what we do!

Have a great week!!

Blessings,

Cyndi Cathcart

CCD

March 21 Class, Jesus Night for 2nd grade
28 Stations of the Cross

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Totus Tuus for grades 1-12 will be held June 18-23.
Bible Camp for preschool-Kindergarten will be held June 20-22.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Ministry and 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry
 Youth Ministry website – www.stpattroyym.org.

MARCH 2023**High School Ministry**

19 Dude's Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center.
 Beloved Daughter Day, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Lange Estate.
26 Spring Break

7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation Cells, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.
19 7th Grade C Cell
26 8th Grade C Cell

8-12 Grade Boys

**March 19
April 23**

**12:30-2:30pm
Parish Center**

8-12 Grade Girls

**March 19
April 23**

**1-5pm
Lange Estate**

INTENSE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Fr. Jonathan Meyer of Dearborn County Catholic Parishes is urging all teens in the Tristate to attend the Third Annual INTENSE Youth Conference. Dates are June 9-11 and location is St. Leon, Indiana. Over 600 have participated in this conference and it has been amazing! It will be a weekend of prayer, Adoration, engaging speakers, testimonies, community, and joy! Inspired by national and international movements such as Steubenville, World Youth Day, and Youth 2000, this youth encounter will open hearts and set young people on fire. See www.intenseconference.net for any desired extra information.

INTENSE – Youth Conference In Tents! June 9-11, 2023 – An Amazing Eucharistic-Centered Weekend for Youth to Discover, Encounter and Live the Life Jesus Desires for Them. Where our Youth have the opportunity to encounter Our Lord. Includes: **Our 2023 Amazing Lineup – The Colts' Joe Reitz; Nathaniel Crankfield; Sr. Loretto; Fr. Bolek; Katie Beers; and more, PLUS M.C. and music led by Philip and Jami Wiese.** Open to Youth currently in Grades 8-12, in St. Leon Indiana, the Heart of the Tristate.

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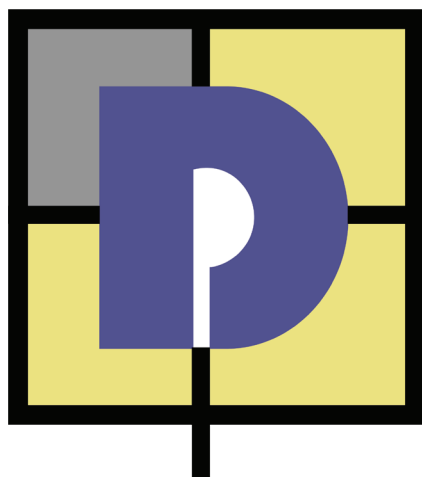
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