

ST. PATRICK CATH

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, July 22		
2:30 p.m.	Wedding – Brandon Wehrley	
	& Emily Mothmiller	
5:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima	
	Priests and Deacons	
SUNDAY, July	y 23	
7:30 a.m.	George Heitkamp	
9:30 a.m.	Ladd Orr	
11:30 a.m.	Mary Pfahl	
12:30 p.m.	Baptism – Elijah Mullen	
MONDAY, July 24		
7:45 a.m.	Glenn Nally	
TUESDAY, Ju	ly 25	
7:45 a.m.	Ruth Ann Meyer	
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WEDNESDAY, July 26 7:45 a.m. Poor Souls of Purgatory THURSDAY, July 27 8:30 a.m. Mary Huelskamp FRIDAY, July 28 7:45 a.m. Nancy Sekas SATURDAY, July 29 5:00 p.m. Mary Lou Kirner SUNDAY, July 30 7:30 a.m. Jonathan Borgerding 9:30 a.m. Sierra Allen 11:30 a.m. Melissa Wannemacher For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit <u>www.masstimes.org</u>.

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 25 of 27

October 13: The Miracle of the sun.

Let's now turn our attention to October, the Miracle of the Sun and the fulfilment of the promise of "the Beautiful Lady" to tell the children who she was and what she wanted of them.



Our Lady's promise that she would perform a great miracle in October so that all would believe spread all over Portugal and aroused in people a great sense of expectation. Even those who

feigned a certain indifference could not ignore the question in everyone's mind: Will something extraordinary happen? What will it be? Those with vivid imaginations tried to guess what might happen. Others used the occasion to make terrifying prophecies. The intolerant threatened the children, promising to avenge themselves in some way if it all turned out to be a deception. A wave of rumors in this atmosphere spread quickly. One of the alarming rumors circulating was that the civil authorities had actually decided to plant beside the children a bomb that would detonate at the moment of the apparition. How did the three children react to these threats?

As for Lúcia, she said she felt no fear whatsoever. She talked about it with her cousins, whose reaction was: "How wonderful, if we were granted the grace to go from here to heaven with Our Lady." Only Lúcia, Francisco, and Jacinta continued to be confident, because they were certain that the Lady clothed in light would not fail to keep her promise. She would perform a great miracle that would put an end to all doubts. Meanwhile, Lúcia's parents decided to accompany her to the Cova da Iria for the first time. "If my daughter is going to die, I want to die by her side."

António Santos brought his daughter by the hand to the place of the apparitions. The confusion at the Cova was so great, however, that they did not meet again until that night, at their home. Lúcia's mother, too, always so hesitant about her daughter's truthfulness, understood that the moment had come to summon all her maternal courage. "My mother," said Lúcia, "her heart torn with uncertainty as to what was going to happen and fearing it would be the last day of my life, wanted to accompany me."

FIXING THE ROOF (HOPEFULLY)

As most of you know, the church has had a leaky roof for quite some time. Over the past couple of years, we have been working on a plan to fix the roof, both exterior and interior damage. What will be done is replacing the tile roof and to repair the damaged areas of the church ceiling. This project is just under one million dollars. We presently have just over half of the money needed for the project. I am asking for donations for this project. You can send the donations directly to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket (in an envelope marked: *roof project*). Thank you for your support.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday is returning in the fall with coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses the second Sunday of each month, September through June. If your ministry or group would like to sponsor the event and get your message out, please contact Pat Cartwright at the Parish Office for details.

SCAM

Please note that any text or emails from one of our priests asking for money or gift cards is a scam. Do not respond to these texts or emails.

PRAYER CHAIN

While Mary Grilliot recuperates, please contact Sue Hastings at 937-339-2945 or shastings@woh.rr.com.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Confession Times: Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 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.

TRANSFIGURATION

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: July 10 – Merenda Butcher



Adoration will begin following morning Mass and conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. We invite parishioners to sign up for a weekly, hourlong time slot for six months. We need two Adorers each hour so Our Lord is never left alone. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex (Church entryway).



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CHURCH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. During Adoration 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.

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation

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.

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. Hospitals no longer share this information with the

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

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week; submit via email to info@stpattroy.org.

WEEDS AND WHEAT

Reflection on Matthew 13:24-43 Last week, Jesus spoke of the frustrations of the sower. What with poor soil conditions, pests, weeds, and plant blight, it seems foolhardy to expect a crop. Today's parable focuses more sharply on the crop itself; the field is dotted with weeds that are crowding out the wheat, stealing its nourishment, blocking its access to the sunlight. Today's farmer would spray a herbicide, but the farmer of Jesus' day could rely only on the back-breaking method of tearing out the weeds by hand. And that, Jesus says, would do more harm than good. Better to let both grow until the harvest, when they can be sorted out more carefully.

Jesus, of course, is not giving agricultural advice, but using this image to remind us that only God can read hearts. The parable cautions us to be patient. We are not infallible in our judgments about what is wheat and what is weed.

God is the final harvester. God is the final judge, and God has not invited any of us to sit on that judgment seat with Him. The truth is, most if not all of us are a mixture of weeds and wheat. But God is faithful. God is not finished with any of us yet. God has been present throughout our growth, our struggles, our journeying with each one of us to make of us a gleaming, golden field of wheat, of goodness, justice, and kindness, a rich harvest of love for the world.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

Monday, July 24, 2023 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Marv Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 27, 2023 Weekday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 28, 2023 Weekday Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 29, 2023 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Jn 11:19-27

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

SAINT JAMES

Feast Day: July 25 Patron Saint of: Laborers

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them-"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because He was on His way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

The way the Gospels treat the apostles is a good reminder of what holiness is all about. There is very little about their virtues as static possessions, entitling them to heavenly reward. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God's giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are concerned, there is much about Jesus' purifying them of narrowness, pettiness, fickleness.



SPECIAL ELECTION

VERY IMPORTANT!!! VOTE "YES" FOR ISSUE 1 DURING THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON AUGUST 8TH

Protect Ohio's Constitution from Outside Special Interest Groups, like the radical ACLU and Planned Parenthood. Strengthen our Constitution by requiring a 60% majority vote rather than the minimal current 50% plus 1 to add an amendment.

July 10th was the Voter Registration deadline for this August Election. Make sure you are registered and make sure your family and friends are registered.

July 11th: Early in-person voting for the August Election Begins. Make sure to vote early or absentee since you may have a conflict with work or health or weather on August 8th.

For more information or to request an absentee ballot, contact the Miami County Board of Elections.

Visit https://boe.ohio.gov/miami/.

Thank you,

Miami County Right to Life

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is August 1st.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A DESIRE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is gearing up for a new year! OCIA (previously: RCIA; Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which unbaptized adults, baptized Christians and Catholics wanting to come home journey to the Easter Vigil for full initiation into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

To register or more information, please contact: Bill Hogston at 937-418-4323 or <u>hog182@yahoo.com</u> Susan Anderson at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u> Or any of the Our Lady of Fatima Church offices.



The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in keeping with afeParish its policies, has completed the five-year revision of the Decree on Child Protection. We anticipate

the revised Decree will be available for download and acknowledgment on the SafeParish website on or about July 1, 2023. Each user with a SafeParish account will need to download, acknowledge to have read, and agree to abide by the requirements of the revised Decree. If this is not completed within 30 days of the promulgation of the Decree by the Archbishop, the user's SafeParish account will show as pending until the user completes the acknowledgement. Users with pending SafeParish accounts are not permitted to work or volunteer with youth until they have met all the child protection requirements and their SafeParish account is approved. Please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator with any questions.



2023

CELEBRATION OF CARING

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's CELEBRATION OF CARING, an annual fundraiser to support Northern Miami Valley programs, will be held Friday, August 11 at the

Round Barn at Orrmont, 150 Fox Drive, Piqua. The casual picnic-themed event runs from 6:00-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$50.00 per person and includes complimentary beer and wine, dinner catered by Mrs. B's, silent auction and raffle, and entertainment by Dueling Pianos International. To register, visit www.cssmv.org/Events. For more information, email snydere@ cssmv.org. Sponsorship opportunities available.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SOLT MOTHERHOUSE

Greetings, this is Sister Caritas Sparke, SOLT. I grew up at Transfiguration Parish and St. Patrick Parish, and I am so grateful for the seeds of faith planted within me during my youth. I think of you all with great gratitude. I wanted to reach out to my home parish and see if you all would be willing to make a financial contribution to the building of our SOLT Motherhouse.

The Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT. net/sisters) based in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, are a missionary community called to serve in areas of deepest apostolic need. We are a small but vibrant community. For the first time in our history, we are building our first-ever motherhouse in Violet, Texas. The Sisters would be most grateful for your help to complete their project. We have raised over \$5.6 million to date with just under \$2 million to go. Any amount you may be able to give is graciously received, or pledges can be made over a three-to-five-year period if that's helpful for your consideration.

If you feel the Lord move you to help, please send donations to: SOLT Sisters, P.O. Box 4116, Corpus Christi, TX 78469. Or, go to <u>https://solt.net/motherhouse-give</u> to donate.

Marcellino D'Ambrosio | Andrew & Sarah Swafford



What We Believe THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL: WHAT WE BELIEVE –

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Our next Bible Study will take place in September. Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The 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 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 <u>Ascensionpress.com</u> to order your study set for "*What We Believe.*" Total with shipping is \$35.70. Please email Pat Smith once you register, so I know who has registered. Order early in case they sell out.

Blessings to all,

Please contact Pat Smith for any information or questions on these topics at 937-225-2833, ext. 2008 or <u>rsmith3055@aol.com</u>.

CCD

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. For more information, contact Susan Anderson by email at <u>sanderson@stpattroy.org</u>. TROY, OHIO

AMP NIGHTS COMING TO YOU!

UPCOMING 7TH GRADES

OUTGOING SENIORS

Come out for a night of games, tournaments, snacks, and hanging out with Fr. Callan and your new youth minister.

TUESDAY / 7-9 📈

JULY 25 / AUGUST 1/ AUGUST 8 FRISBEE SPIKE BALL DODGE BALL (And other games)

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937-703-2798

"He interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures." -Luke 24:27

> FOR HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING GRADES 9-12

A walk with Jesus & a closer look into the Acts of the Apostles

THURSDAYS | 8:30-10:30 AM JUNE 29 - AUGUST 31

8:30 AM | Mass at St. Patrick, Troy 9:15 AM | Gather at church front steps to walk for coffee. 10:15 AM | Walk back to St. Patrick.



