

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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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or by appointment

409 East Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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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 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

MONDAY, July 31

7:45 a.m. Anne Marie Overholser

TUESDAY, August 1

7:45 a.m. Kathy Mittman

WEDNESDAY, August 2

7:45 a.m. Robert Simon

THURSDAY, August 3

8:30 a.m. Ida Gillespie

FRIDAY, August 4

7:45 a.m. Al Thiel SATURDAY, August 5

5:00 p.m. David & Sarah Gudorf

Anniversary

SUNDAY, August 6

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Terando and

Pat Elsworth

9:30 a.m. Ruthanne Wildenthaler

11:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members

of the Ridenour & Evenden

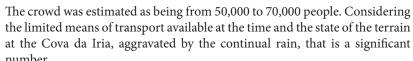
Families

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

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 26 of 27

October 13 continued.





The children arrived at the Cova da Iria. The little that remained of the holm oak was decorated with roses and silk ribbons. As soon as the children reached it, Lúcia, moved by an interior impulse, asked the people to close their umbrellas and pray the Rosary. The request seemed absurd since the rain was still drenching people to the skin. But they obeyed her at once.

As soon as they started the Rosary, Our Lady began to speak. Soon after, we saw the flash of light and then Our Lady appeared over the holm oak. "What do you want of me?" "I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Always continue praying the Rosary every day. The war is going to end and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."

Lúcia told our Blessed Mother of the many petitions that people had entrusted to her. With the simplicity of a child of the hill country, accustomed to coming straight to the point, she added: "I have many things to ask you: to cure sick people, to convert some sinners, and other things." "Some yes; others no. They must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because he is already so much offended." "Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself.

Here, Your excellency, is the reason why I cried out to the people to look at the sun. My aim was not to call their attention to the sun, because I was not even aware of their presence. I was moved to do so under the guidance of an interior impulse.

After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Sorrow. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel."

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.

Liturgical Ministry Training

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If you're being called to serve.

as a **new or returning liturgical minister** at your church location, please **attend one** of these identical, required training sessions:

Mon., 8.21.23

e St. Patrick Church, Troy | 7:00-8:30 PM

Wed., 8.23.23 @ St. Mary Church, Piqua | 7:00-8:30 PM



Contact Matt Wagner, Director of Music and Liturgy for Our Lady of Fatima, with questions: 937. 335.2833 ext. 2005.

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: July 17– Jeff Evilsizor

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.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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 text or emails.



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).

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 hogston.com, Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org, or any of the Our Lady of Fatima Church offices.

Fr. Michael Samala is back to visit. Below is a list of times he will be celebrating Mass.

Date	Event	Time	Church
August 5	Confession and Mass	3:30-4:30 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration
August 6	Both Masses	7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration
August 7	Mass	7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick
August 8	Mass	Noon	Transfiguration
August 9	Mass	7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick
August 10	Mass	8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick
August 11	Mass	8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration
August 12	Confession/Mass	4:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick
August 13	Masses	9:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick
August 14	Mass	7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick
August 14	Mass (Holy Day)	7:00 p.m.	Transfiguration
August 15	Masses (Holy Day)	8:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.	Transfiguration
August 16	Mass	7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick

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.

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.

ENCOUNTERING GOD

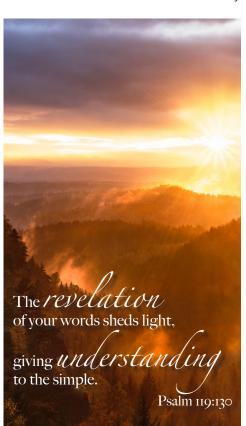
Reflection on Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like... a treasure buried in a field... a merchant searching for fine pearls... a net thrown into the sea..." With these compelling metaphors Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom – the presence and power of God's transforming love in human life.

How does God's love break into human life? How does God choose to come to us, to reveal Himself, to gift us with the Kingdom? The answer is: However God wants to! This is what strikes me about these parables. A search for a pearl, a hidden treasure in a field, a fishing net in the sea – all of these seem rather unlikely places to find God. But I think that is the point. Since the incarnation, God is likely to be found in all the most unlikely, surprising places. In fact, there is really no place in our human experience where, when we gaze closely, we will not find God present.

Thankfully, our Church gives us the privileged places and moments where we encounter God, especially in His Word (Scripture) and in the Sacraments. And gratefully, God surprises us with popping up in other places and moments – in creation, in smiles, in a book read, in a friendship, in everyday events, and in pearls, treasures, and nets.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

Monday, July 31, 2023

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bisop and Doctor of the Church Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Weekday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Weekday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4, 2023

Saint John Vianney, Priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Weekday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

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

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Feast Day: August 1

Patron Saint of: Theologians, Vocations

At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing Confessions, and forming Christian groups.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness.

His greatest sorrow came toward the end of his life. The Redemptorists, precariously continuing after the suppression of the Jesuits in 1773, had difficulty in getting their Rule approved by the Kingdom of Naples. Alphonsus acceded to the condition that they possess no property in common, but with the connivance of a high Redemptorist official, a royal official changed the Rule substantially. Alphonsus, old, crippled and with very bad sight, signed the document, unaware that he had been betrayed. The Redemptorists in the Papal States then put themselves under the pope, who withdrew those in Naples from the jurisdiction of Alphonsus. It was only after his death that the branches were united.

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

Read the full article: "Saint Alphonsus Liguori" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-alphonsus-liguori/. (Accessed July 10, 2023).



I have just begun my role as Director of Religious Education (DRE) for Our Lady of Fatima. When working with students, they usually call me "Miss Susan" or "Mrs. Anderson." I now have offices in Troy and Piqua and can meet at Transfiguration when needed, too. Since 2018, I had been serving as DRE for St. Patrick.

My role includes guiding programs that will teach and share the faith within our parish community. Some examples are Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes. People I will get to serve will primarily include adults, families and preschool through elementary students. I'm also the Safety Environment Coordinator. This involves programs that train and keep our volunteers and staff in compliance with keeping our youth safe. In my role, I'll work in conjunction with the Director of Youth Ministry, an OCIA coordinator and volunteer teachers, amongst others, and will collaborate with the two school staffs.

I live in Troy with my husband, Gregg, and dog, Alice. I have one daughter Ellie Miller who lives in Troy with her husband Alex. She works at St. Patrick School in intervention. They have a son, Wil, and a new baby, Max. I love hanging out with my family, family dinners, spending time with friends and visiting the beaches on the Florida gulf. My Bachelor's degree is Child and Family Development and Administration from Bowling Green State University. I have several certifications within the Archdiocese Religious Ed program, and I've now worked 25 years within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. When I began this work, I was told to trust in the Holy Spirit, and so I have. The Holy Spirit drew me to this work, and I've been blessed beyond measure to serve. My favorite saint is Our Mother Mary! I can always talk to her.

It's exciting to come together to meet new people and check out things going on at each of the churches within Our Lady of Fatima. There are new friends to celebrate Mass and pray with and to build a community with.

Gusan's Favorite Bible Verse
MARK 12:30
PARISHES



Directory Photo Sessions Sign-ups Are Here!

- Use the QR code or visit:
- https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php
- All churches' password = photos
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- convenient for you, using the code below.
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PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS:

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 34 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Dayton area. For more information, please visit our website at ENLC.LIFE and select Employment Opportunities.

Director of Operations – Oversees day-to-day activities ensuring services provided are in accordance with ENLC's mission and vision.

Development Officer – Supports ENLC through fundraisers and special events.

Parent Education Assistant – Provides program support for Women's Centers Educational Programs for parents.

Licensed Social Worker (LSW), Holy Family Prenatal Care – Works with patients on individual treatment plans and assists in securing community resources.

Certified Nurse Midwife, Holy Family Prenatal Care – Collaborates with physicians providing prenatal care services and promotes patient wellness.

Women's Center Manager, Kettering – Responsible for all operations of the Women's Center.

Consultant Dayton Area Float – Provides one-on-one support to women facing crisis pregnancies.

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.

SAFEPARISH

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in keeping with 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.

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

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. Early in-person voting for the August Election began on July 11. 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. https://boe.ohio.gov/miami/.

Thank you,

Miami County Right to Life

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is August 1.

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 (<u>SOLT. net/sisters</u>) 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 https://solt.net/motherhouse-give to donate.

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 or grief and recovery topics. We will be using a new updated version this year. The next sessions begin September 13-December 13. 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, 444 East Water Street, Troy, upstairs Room 3. You are welcome to just come and check it out. You can register on griefshare.org/finadagroup.

Mark your calendars for: Loss of a Spouse, Saturday, September 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Our *GriefShare* Team will be offering Loss of Spouse 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.

We will also be offering *Surviving the Holidays*, Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. for those facing the holidays after a loved one's death It is a helpful, encouraging seminar that features video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. This is also an updated version this year.

All will be held at St. Patrick Church Parish Center, upstairs Room. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com or 937-335-2833.

You don't have to go through it alone.

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? 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.

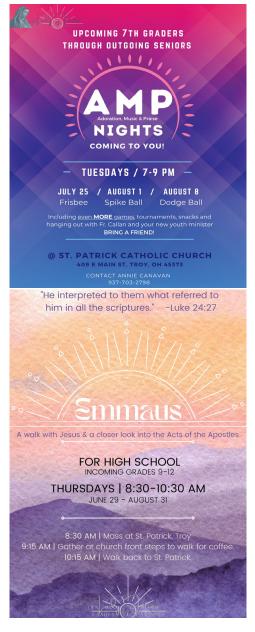
Blessings to all,

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

CCD

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AUGUST 7.

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



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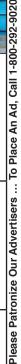
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