



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

Fr. Eric Bowman, *Pastor*
 Fr. Steven Shoup, *Parochial Vicar*
 Fr. Isaiah Callan, *Parochial Vicar*
 Fr. Jim Duell, *Parochial Vicar*

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

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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, 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

MONDAY, August 7

7:45 a.m. Michael Denoyer

TUESDAY, August 8

7:45 a.m. Edward McGrath

WEDNESDAY, August 9

7:45 a.m. Lori DeWeese

THURSDAY, August 10

8:30 a.m. James Holter & A.J. Holter

FRIDAY, August 11

7:45 a.m. Alton Ordning

SATURDAY, August 12

5:00 p.m. Greg Carey

SUNDAY, August 13

7:30 a.m. Jack Black

9:30 a.m. Ray Guillozet

11:30 a.m. Michele Hudson

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

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 27 of 27

October 13 continued.

"At the predetermined hour, the rain stopped, and the thick mass of clouds broke asunder. The sun looked like a disc of dull silver, and began dancing wildly. The people shouted, "Miracle." It seems that the majority of the people saw the sun trembling and dancing, whirling around like a Catherine wheel; it descended almost low enough to burn the earth with its rays. Many thought the end of the world had come, as the sun seemed to fall upon them. People reported color changes in objects on the earth, caused by the rays of the sun. Some expressed sorrow for their sins aloud. Some who had come to ridicule now believed." This is a quote from Fr. Robert Fox's book, *Fatima Today*.

Our Lady had promised several times that in October she would perform a miracle so that all would believe in the authenticity of the apparitions. Nothing had yet happened in the Cova da Iria that the crowd could see. The moment had come when the heavenly messenger was to fulfill her promise, however, with the miracle of the sun. In fact, while the three privileged children were contemplating these heavenly visions, unaware of everything around them, the crowd was trembling with amazement at the unique phenomenon. Although Lúcia shouted to the crowd, "Look at the sun," neither she nor her cousins saw the miracle of the sun, nor did they know that it was going to happen. While the crowd was gazing at the miracle, the three children, in ecstasy, were contemplating the visions alluding to the mysteries of the Rosary.

Gonçalo de Almeida Garrett, Professor at the University of Coimbra, provides a series of clarifications in a letter dated November 3, 1917. He gave a valuable summary of the extraordinary events of October 13:

1. The phenomena lasted about eight to ten minutes.
2. The sun lost its brilliant light and looked more like the moon, for it could be looked at easily.
3. Three times over that period of time, the sun showed a rotating movement around its periphery, radiating sparks of light along its edges, like a fireworks display.
4. This rotating movement along the edges of the sun was manifested three times and interrupted three times. It was rapid and lasted eight to ten minutes, more or less.
5. Soon after that, the sun took on a violet color that soon changed to orange, shining with these colors over the earth. Then it finally returned to its normal brilliance, which was impossible to look at directly.
6. These events happened soon after noontime, when the sun was at its zenith... when meteorological phenomena have a less intense influence on the sun. When the sun is closer to the horizon in late afternoon, more evaporation occurs, and this produces colorful sunsets... The solar activity observed at noon in Fátima was far less likely to occur then than in the morning or afternoon, which makes these phenomena more valuable and important.



WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER:

July 24 – Karen McIntire • Month of July – Jane Grilliot

BEACONS OF LIGHT CORNER

Our Lady of Fatima - August 2023



We continue to pray that God will abundantly bless both Fr. Lee with his new ministry and Fr. Callan with his role as vicar for Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima's unified staffing structure, serving all five of our churches, is being formed:

*Welcome Annie Canavan as
Director of Faith Formation!*

Be sure to take the opportunity to meet her at the fun youth events across the churches this summer as she begins to build relationships with the youth and their families. Check the bulletin or the "Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes - Ohio" Facebook page for more program info!

*Please welcome Susan Anderson as
Director of Religious Education (DRE)!*

As the school year draws nearer, she will be announcing Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) programs for kindergarten through 6th grade students. She is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families.

Stay tuned for more staff introductions!

The Pathway Planning Administration Committee completed a draft of the Unified Parish Employee Handbook. Fr. Eric reviewed this and will soon be approving it for immediate use.

The Pathway Planning Liturgy Committee is working on a list of common Mass settings for each of the liturgical seasons to build musical familiarity across the five churches. There will be more information in the coming months.

CATHOLICAOC.ORG/BEACONS-OF-LIGHT

COLLECTIONS

Candles:

July 3 & July 10	\$ 134.62
July 17	\$ 145.03
July 24	\$ 208.01

Mail:

July 3 & July 10	\$ 28,080.00
July 13	\$ 694.00
July 17	\$ 2,310.00
July 24	\$ 13,817.95

Sunday:

July 2	\$ 8,676.00
July 13	\$ 7,559.07
July 19	\$ 8,308.00
June online Vanco giving	\$ 25,215.21



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).

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.**

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 enveloped marked: *roof project*). Thank you for your support.

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 email 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.

WELCOME BACK OPEN HOUSE

FOR FATHER MICHAEL SAMALA

Friday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Lange Estate/Transfiguration Center Shelter House. Please come to say hello to Fr. Michael, who is back to Ohio for visit. Fr. Michael will be filling in at a few Masses at both Transfiguration and St. Patrick while he is here. His Mass schedule is posted in the bulletin.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Elijah Rush Mullen, son of Matthew & Mary Mullen
We welcome you to St. Patrick Faith Community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING MINISTRY FAIR - AUGUST 26-27

We are asking all ministries of St. Patrick to come together for a fun event and show off your ministries. We have some surprises, also. We will gather on Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for food and fun and the chance to become aware of all the Ministries St. Patrick has to offer. We will also have a Fellowship Sunday after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses to see the ministries, which will be held in the Parish Center. Please contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com or leave a message at the Parish Office at 937-335-2833 if you want your ministry to take part.

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 17:1-9

Peter, James and John had no doubt experienced Jesus in many mundane moments – sharing a meal, walking together along the road, relaxing after a busy day, and the many other actions that make up daily life. Now, they encounter Jesus in a mountaintop moment – an explosion of light and awareness revealing the awesome beauty and truth of who Jesus is: the fulfillment of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah); the fulfillment of every human desire.

How often do we, like these disciples, wish to “stay in” these mountaintop moments (“Lord, it is good that we are here...[let’s] make three tents...”). I have encountered some Christians who spend much of their energy seeking out these mountaintop moments; I call them “spiritual thrill seekers.” But Jesus always beckons us to follow Him back down the mountain, to the valley and the mundane, where we encounter Jesus daily in the ordinary.

The irony that I have discovered is that every “mundane,” “ordinary” moment holds a potential for an encounter with Jesus that can pack as much punch as any mountaintop moment. For example, oftentimes liturgical ministers will ask me, as the presider before Mass, if there is anything special about today’s liturgy. You bet there is! In the ordinary elements of bread and wine, Jesus Himself deigns to become present to us, body and spirit, to nourish and transform us! Truly a mountaintop in the ordinary!

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

Monday, August 7, 2023

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Saint Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Weekday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35

Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23

Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11, 2023

Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40

Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51

Mt 17:14-20

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

SAINT DOMINIC

Feast Day: August 8

Patron Saint of: Astronomers

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the Gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Read the full article: “Saint Dominic” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic/>. (Accessed July 21, 2023).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting this Thursday, August 10, 2023 in the Parish Center Board Room beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Thank you to our K of C for the generous donation for the roof; \$10,000.00 from the Knights fund and \$717.00 from the Fourth of July block party.

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.

Early in-person voting for the August Election began July 11.

Thank you,
Miami County Right to Life



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.



Susan's Favorite Bible Verse
MARK 12:30

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

Liturgical Ministry Training

LECTORS | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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 @ 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.

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.

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 hog182@yahoo.com, Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org, or any of the Our Lady of Fatima Church offices.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Be sure to order your books for our next Bible Study *"What We Believe."* We offer two sessions: **Sundays, beginning September 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesdays, September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and runs for 10 weeks, meeting 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 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 once you register so I know who has registered. Any question, contact Pat by email.

FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer – He wants you to be His disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. **The Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal** will begin this eight-week Bible Study on John's Gospel on August 22/23. The classes are on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. There is not a charge for the classes, unless you would like to order an accompanying workbook (not necessary). They can be purchased at www.ascensionpress.com. For questions or to register, call 937-698-7180.

SOLT MOTHERHOUSE

Greetings, this is Sister Caritas Sparke, SOLT. I grew up at Transfiguration parish, and St. Patrick's 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 Mother House. 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 <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 on 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, upstairs Room 3, 444 East Water Street, Troy. You are welcome to just come and check it out. You can register on griefshare.org/findagroup.

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

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 in Room 3. Questions? Contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 937-335-2833. **You don't have to go through it alone.**

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.



UPCOMING 7TH GRADERS
THROUGH OUTGOING SENIORS

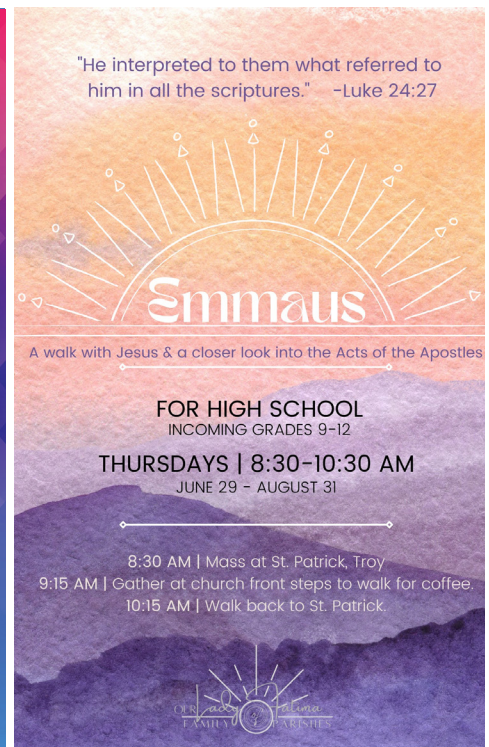
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NIGHTS**
Adoration, Music & Praise
COMING TO YOU!

TUESDAYS / 7-9 PM

JULY 25 / AUGUST 1 / AUGUST 8
Frisbee Spike Ball Dodge Ball

Including even **MORE** games, tournaments, snacks and hanging out with Fr. Callan and your new youth minister
BRING A FRIEND!

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

FOR HIGH SCHOOL
INCOMING GRADES 9-12
THURSDAYS | 8:30-10:30 AM
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8:30 AM | Mass at St. Patrick, Troy
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