



DECEMBER

17
2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES ACCOMPANIES PEOPLE IN BECOMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
THROUGH COMMUNITY, SACRAMENTS, SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER.

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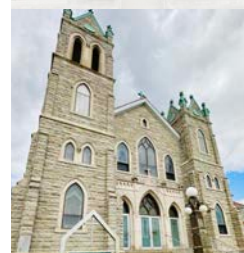
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ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)



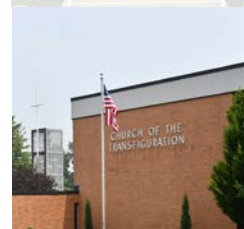
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)

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Fr. Isaiah Callan, Vicar
Fr. James Duell, Vicar
Fr. Steven Shoup, Vicar
Fr. Joseph Kozar, Sunday Associate
Dcn. John Carlin
Dcn. Jim Niswonger

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	3:30 PM	SB
Saturday	5:00 PM	SM, SP, TR
Sunday	7:30 AM	ST, SP, TR
Sunday	9:00 AM	SM
Sunday	9:30 AM	SP
Sunday	10:00 AM	TR
Sunday	10:30 AM	ST
Sunday	11:00 AM	SB
Sunday	11:30 AM	SP

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Cyndi Cathcart 937-339-3705

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St. Boniface Catholic Church SB 937-773-1656

310 S. Downing Street, Piqua, OH 45356

www.piquaparishes.org

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

Friday 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Mary Catholic Church SM 937-773-1327

528 Broadway Street, Piqua, OH 45356

www.piquaparishes.org

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church SP 937-335-2833

409 E. Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

www.stpattroy.org

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

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus ST 937-473-2970

6925 W. US Route 36, Covington, OH 45318

www.stteresacovington.org

Hours By Appointment

Church of the Transfiguration TR 937-698-4520

972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, OH 45383

www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

CHURCH INFORMATION

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Deadline noon Thursday for two weekends ahead of that day. New submission instructions will soon follow. In the meantime, submit via email to office@tchurch.org.

BAPTISM:

By appointment only. Contact any Parish Office to schedule and for class location information. Class is required.

MATRIMONY:

Contact any Parish Office at least nine months in advance. Preparation program and parish registration is required.

ANointing of the Sick:

Those weakened by age, afflicted by serious illness or preparing for serious surgery should receive this sacrament. Call any Parish Office to make arrangements.

Homebound:

Extraordinary Ministers can be arranged to visit homes and nursing facilities with the Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Please notify any Parish Office.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome new members to Our Lady of Fatima! Call any Parish Office for registration information.

CONTACT UPDATE:

Notify your registered Parish Office to update your address, phone number and email.

SafeParish:

To volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan compliant with the SafeParish program. Contact Susan at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Entrance is at the back of St. Boniface.
Saturday, 5:00 a.m.-Thursday, 11:59 p.m.
Friday, 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK

Wednesdays following morning Mass to 7:00 p.m.

TRANSFIGURATION

Thursdays following morning Mass to 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve Fr.	Kayla Lamm	Jer 23:5-8
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Bensman Fr.	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	Mt 1:18-25
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Eric	†Tom & Georgie Schlicker	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Robert Buckwalter	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Steve	†Margie Eustache	Lk 1:5-25
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Callan	Donald & Mary Lintner	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Poor Souls of Purgatory	Is 7:10-14
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Elaina & John Burkhardt	Lk 1:26-38
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Bob Schmidt	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Barbara Hindmarch	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	John & Anita Ankerman	St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Roseanne Nagel	Sg 2:8-14
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric	†Tom Shawler	Mt 1:39-45
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Evelyn Gaier	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Michael Naas	1 Sm 1:24-28
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	Lk 1:46-56
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Kory Bachman	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DAY OF OBLIGATION				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	†Eileen Larger	St. John of Kanty, Priest
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	†Living & Deceased of the Gast & Brunetto Families	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joe	Lynne Dusek	Lk 1:57-66
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Terry	†Deceased Members of the Ulbrich Family	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of TR	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DAY OF OBLIGATION				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	George Heitkamp	Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†John Brown	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Boots & John Speer	Rom 16:25-27
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	Lk 1:26-38
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Americo Velez	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Barbara Dillhoff	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Barbara Hindmarch	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS VIGIL – DAY OF OBLIGATION				
3:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	E. Ronald Boram	Nativity of the Lord
4:00 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Brush & Richard Families	Is 62:1-5
4:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Russel Heintz	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joe	Patricia Farrow	Mt 1:1-25
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Leighton Ankerman	
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Baker	†Hannah O' Leary	

See page 3 for Christmas Day Mass Schedule & Confession Times

\$ = 2nd collection † = In memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
 All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

CONFESSIONS

CHURCH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PATRICK			5:00-7:00 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
TRANSFIGURATION				5:00-7:00 p.m.		3:30-4:30 p.m.
ST. BONIFACE					6:00-6:45 p.m.	
ST. MARY						9:00 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-7:00 p.m.				

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT...O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



Advent Joy – Through her ministry in Jesus' name, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on our streets. When asked the source of her joy, Mother Teresa replied: "Joy is prayer – joy is strength – joy is love – joy is a net of love ... A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love ... loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him all twenty-four hours a day, touching Him in His distressing disguise." (Malcolm Muggeridge, *Something Beautiful for God*, Harper and Row, San Francisco: 1971) When Advent arrived every year, Mother Teresa's life continued to witness the joy which is the true hallmark of every Christian and the rightful inheritance of all the poor.

Today is called "Gaudete Sunday" because today's Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" – "Rejoice in the Lord always." In the past, when Advent was a season of penance, the celebrant of the liturgy used to wear vestments with the penitential color of purple or violet. In order to remind the people that they were preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wore rose-colored vestments on the Third Sunday. (We have a similar break – Laetare Sunday – during the Lenten season). Today, we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Savior. The primary common theme running through today's readings is that of encouraging joy as we meet our need for the preparation required of us who await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. The second common theme is that of bearing witness. The prophet Isaiah, Mary and John the Baptizer all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2023	ST. BONIFACE	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK	ST. TERESA	TRANSFIGURATION
Monthly Sunday Offerings	\$31,194	\$49,094	\$65,700	\$6,632	\$33,714
Budget	30,800	48,000	64,583	7,546	27,354
Over (Under) Budget	\$394	\$1,094	\$1,117	(\$914)	\$6,360

A goal within Our Lady of Fatima's Pathway Plan (strategic plan) is to provide our parishioners regular and transparent fiscal information. Approximately the third Sunday of each month, a summary of weekly offerings for the previous month will be reported for each church within Our Lady of Fatima. This provides adequate timing for online giving reports to close and the various bookkeeping schedules to coordinate.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIEST SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

To allow Fr. Jim Duell proper time for healing and strengthening following some illnesses, Fr. Eric and the vicars have offered to cover a couple Masses a week for him throughout the winter months, and, in showing great humility, he agreed. To reduce travel, Fr. Jim will remain scheduled primarily at St. Teresa, close to his home, with daily Masses on Wednesdays/Thursdays and for Sunday Masses. Generously, on their regularly scheduled days off, Fr. Steve will cover Tuesday Masses at St. Boniface, and Fr. Eric will cover Friday Masses at St. Mary. The Sunday Mass schedule on our websites will update to reflect the adjustments. Your prayers for Our Lady of Fatima's priests are humbly accepted and greatly needed – please pray especially for Fr. Jim's health and healing at this time.

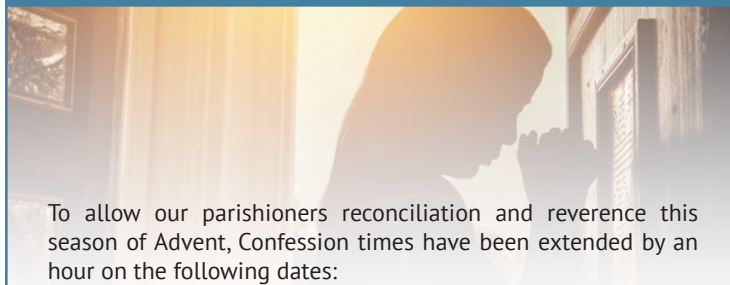
CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR PRIESTS

Thank you for the goodies and treats that were shared with priests last Christmas season! Please know that gift giving is certainly not necessary, as your year-round support, cards, prayers or kind emails are plenty. But there have been inquiries about our priests' food restrictions. If it's your inclination to provide food, please know that Fr. Callan faces food sensitivities. If you wish to offer treats or food, please consider reaching out to Fr. Callan ahead of time to ask about his dietary restrictions, email: fr.callan213@gmail.com. Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness with this matter.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – PARISH MISSION

Save-the-Date for a very special Lenten Parish Mission with Brother Mauricio Torres | March 10-14, 2024! More details will follow in the coming weeks.

EXTENDED CONFESSION TIMES



To allow our parishioners reconciliation and reverence this season of Advent, Confession times have been extended by an hour on the following dates:

St. Teresa, Covington

Tuesday, December 19

Confession, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

All-day Adoration at St. Patrick, Troy

Wednesday, December 20

Daily Mass, 7:45 a.m.

Confession, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

All-day Adoration at Transfiguration, West Milton

Thursday, December 21

Daily Mass, 8:15 a.m.

Confession, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

See additional Confession times on page 2 of this bulletin.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Reminder: Fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas are Days of Obligation. For your convenience, here is information to help you plan to celebrate accordingly.

ALL ARE WELCOME
Celebrate Christmas Mass 2023

Church:	Eve 12/24	Eve 12/24	Day 12/25	Day 12/25	New Year's* 1/1/24
Transfiguration West Milton		5 PM Fr. Steve		9 AM Fr. Terry Schneider	10 AM Fr. Steve
St. Patrick Troy	3 PM Fr. Eric	5 PM Fr. Joe	Midnight Fr. Eric	10 AM Fr. Eric	10 AM Fr. Callan
St. Mary Piqua		6 PM Fr. Ken Baker		8 AM Fr. Steve	
St. Boniface Piqua		4 PM Fr. Callan	Midnight Fr. Callan	10 AM Fr. Callan	10 AM Fr. Eric
St. Teresa Covington		4 PM Fr. Jim		9 AM Fr. Jim	10 AM Fr. Jim

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)
Not a Holy Day of Obligation

COME, ENJOY...
*O Holy Night:
A Musical Journey to Christmas*

During the half-hour preceding Midnight Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, come, journey toward the birth of Christ.

Beautiful carols will be sung by the choir and congregation, and readings from the Gospel of Luke will accompany the lighting of candles down the aisle of church - all leading toward the Christ-child being placed in the manger and the celebration of Midnight Mass.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH | TROY
SUNDAY, 12/24/23 | 11:30 PM
PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT MASS



*We look forward to welcoming
you and your family this*
Christmas!



Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.

ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.	Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25
Obligation may be fulfilled at either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m. 	Obligation may be fulfilled at either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24 Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25



Our Lady of Fatima's Christmas Church Office Hours

Closed: December 25 & 26
Shortened: December 27 - 29 | Closes at noon.
Closed: January 1 & 2

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY



ALL PARENTS of students who are now in 6-12th grade, including those whose children are currently attending activities: Please list your children's names and grades here so that you can stay informed of Youth Ministry programming, special announcements and changes:



Students in **Grades 6-8** are invited to **Bosco Nights on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** with games, friends and saint stories, located in Transfiguration's youth room for the season. Feel free to bring a friend!

December 25, January 1 – No Bosco Nights (Christmas Break)

Youth Group is especially for students in Grades 9-12. Join on Sundays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Transfiguration youth room.

December 17 – Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(THIS Sunday White Elephant Gift Exchange)

December 24, 31 – No Youth Group (Christmas Break)

For questions, to register or to volunteer, please contact Our Lady of Fatima's Director of Youth Ministry, Annie Canavan at coe@tchurch.org or 937-703-2798.

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For more information on how you can become initiated, and regarding children older than eight who have not received Sacraments, please contact Our Lady of Fatima's Director of Religious Education, Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org, or contact any of the Our Lady of Fatima church offices. We look forward to journeying with you!

SAFE PARISH

A REMINDER FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE - Please make sure you are up-to-date on the child protection quarterly bulletins through SafeParish™. You will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy! (Our Lady of Fatima: sanderson@stpattroy.org)

CCD

To volunteer, for questions or to register your child, please contact Our Lady of Fatima's Director of Religious Education, Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org or 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

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CYO VOLLEYBALL

Is your daughter interested in volleyball and ready for friendly competition with other local parishes? Register her for CYO Volleyball!

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE A MEMBER OF A CHURCH WITHIN OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES OR ATTEND ST. PATRICK OR PIQUA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

The season runs 1/8-3/23/24 for 4th, 5th, 6th grade girls! Practices will be on Mondays and Wednesdays starting 1/8 through the season. Games will be played at local parishes around Dayton on Saturday mornings/afternoons or Sunday afternoons. (There may be one weekday evening game.) Games begin on 2/3 and the season tournament ends 3/23/24. The cost is \$85 per girl, due the first practice on 1/8. Signups are THIS Sunday, 12/17. Sign up using the QR code or contact a coach. All practices will be held in the St. Patrick Parish Center Gym.

Practice Times:

4th – Mon & Wed – 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

5th – Mon & Wed – 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

6th – Mon & Wed – 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.



Coaches:

4th – Maria Peterson – mariaLpeterson14@gmail.com

5th – Amanda Unger- amandakunger@gmail.com

6th – Crystal Ayers – bandcayers@gmail.com, 410-305-4017

YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US FOR THE FORMAL EVENT OF THE YEAR AT ST. PETER PARISH
DANCING, MUSIC, BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS,
LIGHT FOOD AND FESTIVE DRINKS!

\$30 ONLINE AND \$40 AT THE DOOR
WHILE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.
YOUNG ADULT EVENT FOR AGES 19+

TICKETS GO ON SALE
NOVEMBER 17TH!

Epiphany Ball
JANUARY 6TH
7PM - 11PM



Visit Dayton Catholic Young Adult's Facebook page to learn more and get your ticket at [Facebook.com/DaytonCatholicYA](https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholicYA).

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 17, 2023

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

MUSIC & LITURGY

THE ANTIPHONS: A MISSING PUZZLE PIECE

Beginning this Advent, Mass will sound a bit different throughout our Family of Parishes. Prior to the opening hymn, the cantor or choir will sing or read an "Entrance Antiphon." You might wonder, "*What is an antiphon?*" Simply put, the antiphons are a set of musical prayers which have been assigned to each Mass, just like the readings on Sunday that are set to a predetermined schedule. Every Mass, not just those in Advent, has a set of assigned antiphons which are to be sung or read during or before the entrance and Communion processions.*

You might also wonder, "*Why are the antiphons important, and why are we singing them?*" Antiphons are important because they are a lens through which we can view the scriptures more richly. The antiphons are commonly drawn from the Psalms and Old Testament, and make "comments" on the Gospel and readings of the day. They can highlight Old Testament prophecies that are brought to fruition in the life of Jesus, or comment with excitement on the events of the Gospels.

As we journey through this Advent season, I challenge you to pray with the texts of the antiphons – these "missing puzzle pieces" – at Mass. In a special way, notice the antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent (pink), traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday." The name Gaudete, translated: *rejoice*, comes directly from the Entrance Antiphon "*Gaudete in Domino...*" (Rejoice in the Lord always) and reminds us the coming of the Lord is near.

– Matt Wagner | Director of Music & Liturgy Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

GRIEFSHARE FACILITATOR REQUEST

"GriefShare" is a support group that has been offered for more than 16 years and has proudly provided an outlet of love, peace and support for those going through the loss of a loved one. It offers a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and to be offered encouragement. The next sessions begin in February on Wednesdays, either at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The evening session facilitators will be out of state until spring. If you have gone through GriefShare, or understand a loss, and would have an interest in facilitating, please contact Pat Smith at rsmith3055@aol.com with your interest or questions. It is such a beautiful ministry, offering great satisfaction to be able to help others who are going through this experience. Thank you.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

ST. CLARE CHAPEL



St. Clare Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open currently during the week from Saturday, 5:00 a.m. through Thursday, 11:59 p.m. and on Friday from 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Guardians of Our Lord are still needed:

- † Thursday, 2:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.
- † Friday, 7:00 p.m. (every other week), 9:00 p.m.
- † Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (weeks 1, 2), 1:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (every other week)
- † Monday, 3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED year-round, but especially now during the "snowbird" season. Journey toward the love and mercy of Jesus' love present in the Holy Eucharist, and allow Him to heal and renew your soul. To inquire about chapel, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

GIFTS FOR PARISHIONERS

There are 2024 calendars available to parishioners at the entrances of both churches! St. Mary and St. Boniface would like to thank Jamieson & Yannucci and Melcher-Sowers Funeral Homes for their generous gift.

As a gift from St. Mary and St. Boniface to parishioners, "Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas," has been arranged. Please feel free to take one per household, first-come, first-served.

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PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Gretchen Roeth	778-0325
Bethany Center Outreach	Shawn Rickert	615-9762
Bingo Monday & Wednesday	Dan Fortman	773-0161
Cursillo Movement/Ultreya	Greg Johnson	778-8187
The Center for Early Learning	Jacqueline Hoffman	773-3876
Caserta Center Coordinator	Parish Office	773-1656
Knights of Columbus	Dennis DeBrosse	937-214-7945
Knights of St. John	Doug Francony	214-4915
Knights of St. John Hall Rental	Marv Cool	773-7033
Parish/Family Life Committee	Rose Hemm	778-8642
Piqua Catholic School Board		
President	Ryan Karn	214-0529
Mission Committee	Don Stonerock	773-2400
Respect Life Committee	Greg & Donna Johnson	778-8187
Cavaliers In Action	Ruthie Baker	474-7306
St. Clara Ladies Society	Bonne Decknadel	214-9092
St. Clare Chapel	Mike Epperly	622-0112
	Mary Jane Karn	778-0496
SM Altar Society	Barb Kohl	773-9205

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Mission Committee meeting in the North Street Campus meeting room on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Salla Quinn Ritzhaupt**. May God grant her peace and grant comfort to her loved ones. Amen.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, December 23 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	C. Calvert, D. Johnson, D. Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Daniel, J. Herbe, V. Pierson, L. Ventura
Lectors	R. Webb, T. Sharp
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers	C. Peltier, J. Wright, P.L. Penny, D. Penny

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Richard, J. Richard, G. Staley
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Mikolajewski, C. Nagengast, C. Oda, T. Watts
Lectors	B. Hewitt, E. Merrifield
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, December 24 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. O'Leary, F. O'Leary, G. O'Leary
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Galbreath, S. Mary Alice, E. Merrifield, D. Stonerock
Lectors	A. Cecil, J. Terry
Sacristan	D. Stonerock
Ushers	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

**** Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Masses: By Appointment**

QUILT RAFFLE

St. Boniface's 27th Annual Quilt Raffle – Three Quilts to Win!

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In the Fall Piqua Parishes Newsletter

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Connie Bonifas, Deb Tyler,
Dolores Latham, Betty Elliott

ST. TERESA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 24 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	J. Kuether
Extraordinary Minister	M. Kuether
Lector	M. Kuether
Ushers	T. Kuether, Volunteer

Sunday, December 24 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Vanderhorst, R. Vanderhorst
Extraordinary Minister	E. Vanderhorst
Lector	E. Vanderhorst
Ushers	D. Yount, Need Volunteer

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

Shelter Rentals	Alex Moore	937-418-8884
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PARISH TASK LISTS

Parish Task Lists will be completed soon and will be available at both church entrances.

**** Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Masses: Need Volunteers**

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WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

December 4 – Jean Schmidt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	C. Subler, D. Russel
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Clark, S. Knight, Dcn J. Carlin
Lector	S. Knight
Sacristan	N. Tremblay

Sunday, December 24 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	G. Sherman
Extraordinary Ministers	A. McDonough, A. Gehret, P. Menker
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	J. Lehrter

Sunday, December 24 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. Taylor, S. Ratermann, M. Ratermann
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Behm, A. Gutman, Dcn John Carlin, H. Spaide
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	J. Taylor

Sunday, December 24 – 3:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Vigil

Altar Servers	A. Knapke, C. Unger, S. Ratermann, M. Ratermann, A. Cianciolo
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Cianciolo, N. Tremblay, S. Behm, M. Gifford, A. Tremblay
Lector	G. Rinehart, C. Bockey
Sacristan	N. Tremblay

Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Vigil

Altar Servers	C. Subler, N. Roche
Extraordinary Ministers	Dcn J. Carlin, M. Subler
Lector	S. Knight, K. Shanesy
Sacristan	M. Subler



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 3873 would like to thank those who came to our St. Nicholas party. A special "thank-you" for the generosity of those who attended and/or who donated to our Christmas family.

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TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Shelly Thompson	937-698-4520
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SAVE-THE-DATE FOR ART & CRAFT NIGHT!

Thursday, January 9, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
Project: Faux Stained Glass

HELPING HANDS HOLIDAY MEAL

Thank you! We collected 184 boxes of cereal to donate to the holiday meal for the needy in our area. Well done!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree at the back of church has cards to benefit either Miami County Right To Life or St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Pull the appropriate card and follow the directions.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you use weekly offertory envelopes and haven't picked them up yet, please get your 2024 envelope box from the back of church. Thank you.



STREET SAINTS

"Street Saints" is collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and needy in our area. Please drop your donation in the box in the vestibule.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

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Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, C. Crabtree, R. Burns
Lector	J. French
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	T. Paxton, J. Ruffing, T. Bushong, M. Bushong

Sunday, December 24 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Kramer, D. Kramer, D. Kramer
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Mergler, D. Kramer, R. Gallegos
Lector	S. Schaurer
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Carport, R. Gallegos, J. Stutz, Volunteer

Sunday, December 24 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	G. Moore, J. Moore
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Fisher, Need 2 subs
Lectors	C. August, M. Schubert
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	L. Manson, C. August, 2 Volunteers

**** Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Masses:
Please sign up at the back of church.**

PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL



The students at St. Patrick Preschool had a busy fall! All three classes had the chance to go on a field trip to Fulton Farms, and the students loved picking their own pumpkin from the field. In November, we had our annual Thanksgiving program, and they were the cutest little turkeys as they sang their songs they worked so hard to learn! The students have been learning all about Advent and the birth of Jesus, and their curious minds have endless questions about the angels and Heaven, how Jesus came to live on Earth, and what food and other things Jesus liked. The students received a very special visit from St. Nicholas in their classrooms!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens March 1, 2024. Class options: Tuesday/Thursday class for 3-year-olds | Monday/Wednesday/Friday class for 4-year-olds | 5-Day Pre-K Class for 5-year-olds.

Please reach out to the school office for more information and mark your calendars for our Preschool and Pre-K Open House on March 27! We wish you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!
–Ms. Grace, Ms. Sarah & Ms. Stacey, Teachers, St. Patrick Preschool.

PIQUA CATHOLIC



The children are enjoying bringing in the Christmas season! They decorated cookies, found a surprise when St. Nicholas visited the school, and are preparing for their Christmas concert.
– Jacquiline Hoffman, Director of The Center for Early Learning

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