



DECEMBER

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FIRST 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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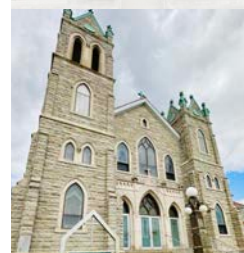
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ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)



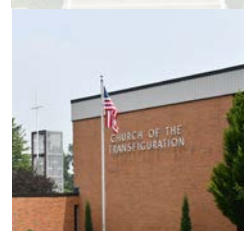
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)

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Fr. 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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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 4				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve	Robert Richard	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Bensman	†Barbara Dillhoff	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric	†Daniel Bowman	
7:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Jim	Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Naomi Shanesy	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Jim	†Fr. Angelo Caserta	
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Callan	†Ruby Monnier	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Martha Thieman	St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Gary Pierron	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Irene Vavroch	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Jean Meyer	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr Steve	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Michelle Hudson	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	†Patricia Schwieterman	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†David Mayor	
7:00 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric	Living & Deceased of Charles & Nunziatina Caserta Family	
7:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Grant Luebke	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
7:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Jim	†Joe & Jeanette Maniaci	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
7:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Bill Hutson	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Jerry Richard	
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	J. Steven Tolle	
12:10 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric	†Harold Zimmerman	
12:10 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Shirley Strickland	
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Terry	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Richard Fong	
7:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Margaret Timmerman	
7:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Tom Titus	St. Juan Diego Cuahatlatoatzin Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Eric	†Rudy Schneider	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Callan	Marilyn Terrando	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Jim	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of TR	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Callan	Ida Gillespie	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of Brown Family	
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	Fr. Eric	†Corey Patty	
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Jim	†Sue Anthony	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Callan	James & A.J. Holter	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. Steve	Grace Willoughby	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	Fr. Eric	†Ron Vanderhorst	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Jim	†Sylvester Cutcher	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Callan	Gene Gretch	

\$ = 2nd collection: Retired Religious

† = 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		5:00-6:00 p.m.				

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS – IT'S THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT...LET THE LONGING BEGIN



Each year, we begin the new liturgical year with a four-week celebration of Advent. Advent is our season of waiting, leading us to new beginnings. The Scripture reminds us to actively wait for the coming of the Lord as King at the end-time.

Henri Nouwen once said, "In our personal lives, waiting is not a very popular pastime. Waiting is not something we anticipate or experience with great joy and gladness! Most of us consider waiting a waste of time. Perhaps this is because the culture in which we live is saying, 'Get going! Do something! Show you can make a difference! Don't just sit there and wait!'"

For many people, waiting is that place between where we are and where we want to be. We do not enjoy such a place. We want to move out of it and do something worthwhile. Advent reminds us to be patient as we wait on the Lord. In the meantime, we are encouraged to look back over our life to see how we have prepared a place for Christ to be born again in our lives and in the lives of those whom we love. We are watchful and alert! While we are waiting, come, Lord Jesus!

As we wait for Jesus' return, we should stand and raise our heads, for the Lord shall come to bring us peace. Many things in our world can distract us and even tempt us during our spiritual journey of waiting for the Lord. All the stores, newspapers, music on the radio stations and TV commercials remind us that Christmas is coming. They are encouraging us to buy and spend even the little money that we may have. Adoring Christ and the gift He is and that He brings to the world is our focus as people of faith.

On this First Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reminds us to be "vigilant at all times." He says that we should not let the anxieties of life cause us to become weary as we wait for the Lord's return. Let this season of Advent be a time of change and new beginnings. Let it be a time of joy and a time of hope for each of us. Only God can take the broken pieces of our lives and put them back together again. Through this Advent, we must listen to the angels who sing: "Glory, Glory and Glory to the newborn King! Come, Lord Jesus."

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

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

All-day Adoration at St. Patrick, Troy - Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 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 - Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21
Daily Mass 8:15 a.m. | Confession 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Benediction 7:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

OCIA

Have you or someone you know experienced a desire to learn more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Our Lady of Fatima's OCIA is for adults (those who have reached the "age of discretion") who are:

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism or the Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized as infants, but didn't receive religious education, Confirmation or First Holy Communion.

This process guides you toward the Easter Vigil for full initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

BIBLE FUND



You can help Our Lady of Fatima's students learn their faith!

Your monetary gift to the "Bible Fund" will allow the purchase of individual Bibles for 5th graders and "YouCats" (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) for 6th graders – this includes students in our Catholic schools and CCD program at all churches. If you have the capacity to share your support and love of the faith with our students in this way, please send your donation to your church office or place in the collection basket noting "Bible Fund" as the memo. These Bibles and "YouCats" have been very useful for former students and something they can keep and continue to use as their faith grows. For questions, please contact Susan at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

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 the Church of Transfiguration's youth room for the season. Feel free to bring a friend!

December 4, 11, 18 – Bosco Nights, 7-8:30 p.m.

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 Church of the Transfiguration youth room.

December 3, 10, 17 – Youth Group, 7-8:30 p.m.

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.

CCD

Classes for K-6 students, including those with special needs, have recently begun. Your student is invited to grow in his or her Catholic faith ahead of and in between receiving sacraments. **Volunteer assistance is requested.** To volunteer, for questions or to register your child, please contact Susan at sanderson@stpattroy.org or 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

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 Monday 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. Sign-ups are due by 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.

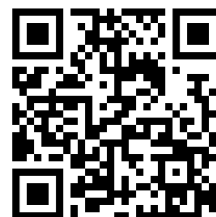
6th – Mon & Wed – 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Coaches:

4th – Maria Peterson – marialpeterson14@gmail.com

5th – Amanda Unger- amandakunger@gmail.com

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



ST. CLARE CHAPEL



St. Clare Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is currently open 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.

ST. BONIFACE/ST. MARY NEWSLETTER

Please submit news for the winter (January, February, March) issue of our Parishes' Newsletter by Monday, December 11. All St. Boniface/St. Mary members/groups are invited to contribute to our quarterly newsletter. You can report on previous activities or promote upcoming ones. You can send news, including photos, to jnrhemm@yahoo.com, call 937-778-8642, or drop to the church office. To receive the newsletter electronically, please send your email address(es) to piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com or share with the church office. Thanks!

DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I (and my sister) want to thank you all for your generous supply of birthday cards we received for our 100th birthday. They just kept coming and coming so we got to celebrate our birthday for many days! We celebrated in a big way at St. Bernadine Home at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH with a large group of our relatives and a delicious dinner. It was an absolutely beautiful day for us both. – Don Gordon



A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Children are invited to visit with St. Nick THIS Sunday, December 3 in the Piqua Catholic School North Street Campus cafeteria (after 9:00 a.m. Mass) and in the PCS Downing Street cafeteria (after 11:00 a.m. Mass) to receive a special gift. St. Nick has a wonderful question to ask each child before he gives his gifts! All parishioners who are "young at heart" are invited to enjoy the donuts, juice, coffee, Advent music and friends of good cheer.

\$7-A-MONTH CLUB WINNERS – DECEMBER LUCINDA & KEITH ZIMMERMAN

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	570-0879
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

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, December 9 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	B. Daniel
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Ventura, L. Ventura, J. Herbe, R. Webb
Lectors	K. Cool, B. Brush
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers	C. Peltier, J. Wright, P. Penny, D. Penny

Sunday, December 10 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	K. Earick, N. Earick, R. Earick
Extraordinary Ministers	M. E. Buechter, C. Garman, D. Peltier, Volunteer
Lectors	B. Murray, C. Murray
Sacristan	D. Johnson
Ushers	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, T. Jenkins, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, December 9 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Bell, K. Dunbar, K. Dunbar
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Boss, M. Boss, A. Epperly, M. Epperly
Lectors	T. Watts, B. Karpinski
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Calvert, F. Friend, I. Karn
Extraordinary Ministers	R. O'Leary, R. O'Leary, D. Stonerock, G. Stonerock
Lectors	R. Foster, T. Foster
Sacristan	A. Cecil
Ushers	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

“CELEBRATING PIQUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL” COOKBOOKS

We are happy to inform you that the “Celebrating Piqua Catholic School” Cookbooks will be available again this year for Christmas gift giving! They will be sold December 9-10 after the following Masses:

- Saturday, 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. at St. Boniface
- Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary

These are beautiful books about the history of our school with delicious recipes from many talented chefs. All the proceeds go to Piqua Catholic School to help with the cafeterias at the two campuses. After that weekend, the books will be available at the school and at Hallmark in downtown Piqua.

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

November 27-December 1: Andy Roeth, Chuck Elliott, Marilyn Hissong, Marikyle Buechter, Keith Zimmerman

GIVING TREE

The St. Boniface and the St. Mary Giving Trees are located in the churches, ready for your generosity! To participate with this annual charitable activity, please select a tag, purchase/wrap a gift for the individual, and return the gift to church or to the office by THIS Monday, December 4. You may also select a donation envelope from the Giving Tree for the Mission Commission to support the following projects/missionaries:

Ted & Maruja Gutmann-Gonzalez,
Vilches Ecology Center, Chile

Sister Sarah Mulligan,
Daniel Comboni Community Clinic, Guatemala

Dominica Twinning Project

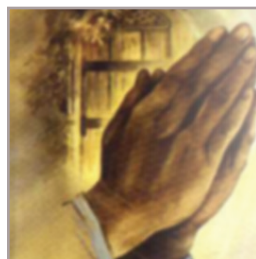
If unable to meet the gift deadline, please notify the office at 937-773-1656. Thanks so much for your continued support!

ST. CLARA LADIES SOCIETY

St. Clara Ladies' Christmas Dinner will be on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at 3 Joes restaurant. To reserve your seat by December 5, please call or text Bonne Decknadel at 937-214-9092.

Ladies (and gentlemen!), we need your cookies for the annual St. Clara Cookie Walk to be held on THIS Sunday, December 3 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Downing Street cafeteria during the St. Nick celebration. Drop off at the church office by Friday, December 1, or call Bonne for pick up at 937-214-9092. Proceeds benefit St. Boniface Catholic Church.

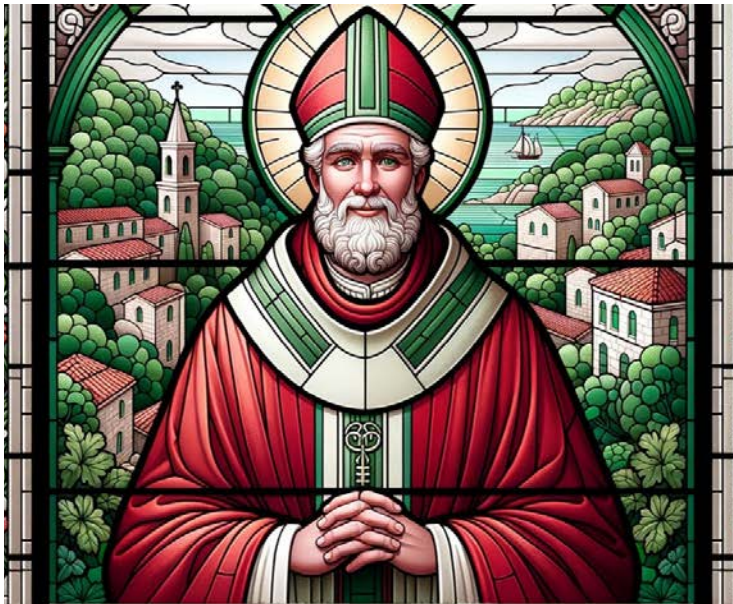
St. Clara Ladies Society Cookie Walk will be held on St. Nick's Day, THIS Sunday, December 3 – same time, same place, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, in the Downing Street cafeteria. Come, get your cookies for Christmas!



REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ron Miller** and **Diane DeBrosse**. May God grant them peace and grant comfort to their loved ones. Amen.*

ST. PATRICK




SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY

**Cookies, crafts, photo booth & caroling
plus a visit from Saint Nicholas!**

St. Patrick's Undercroft

DEC. 4TH, 6-7 P.M.



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ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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pcartwright@stpattroy.org

Prayer Chain Sue Hastings 937-339-2945
shastings@woh.rr.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Riley & Brianna McCormick and children Freeman, Rose, Maeve
and Cael and Brianna (Lukey) & Matthew Quillen and children
Connor, Ainslee & Russell

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 9 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Ratermann, S. Ratermann,
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Clark, S. Clark, Dcn J. Carlin
Lector	S. Knight
Sacristan	S. Knight

Sunday, December 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	C. Subler
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Jent, T. Jent, M. Subler
Lector	I. Voisard
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, December 10 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Cathcart, A. Knapke, E. Taylor
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Taylor, C. Bockey, Dcn J. Carlin, H. Spaide
Lector	K. Hess
Sacristan	J. Taylor

Sunday, December 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	L. Barsotti, C. Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Lauer, D. Wolfe, A. McDonough
Lector	S. Pellegrino
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

November 20 – Rob Meek, Sr.

LITTLE FLOWERS BLUE KNIGHTS

Children grades K-5 are invited THIS SUNDAY to learn about the saints and virtues! They will play games, make crafts, learn how to defend the faith and “do little things with great love.”

The Blue Knights (boys) meet in the Parish Center gym. The Little Flowers (girls) meet in the Parish Center cafeteria. We look forward to seeing your child THIS Sunday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m.! Mark your calendar:

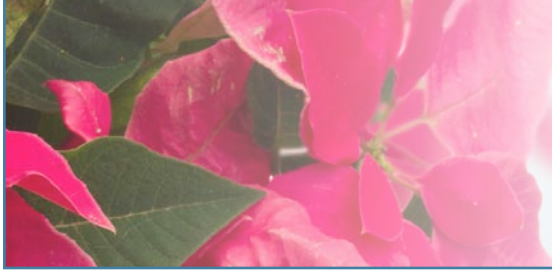
December 3	March 3
January 7	April 7
February 4	May 5

GIVING TREE

The St. Patrick Giving Tree awaits your charitable goodness! There are more than 200 local individuals who will be blessed by our parishioners this Christmas. Angel tags will indicate whether your returned gift should be wrapped or unwrapped. Be sure to affix the tag to your returned package, and please return by Sunday, December 10! Contact Kate Lins at klins@woh.rr.com for more information or to lend a hand transporting the gifts to another room at church.

ST. PATRICK

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATIONS



Envelopes for Christmas Memorial Flowers can be found in the St. Patrick vestibule. Please return your donations to the office by December 11 to ensure that your loved one is listed in the Christmas bulletin. Print the names clearly. You can mail in requests with donations as well. Contact Susan Anderson at sanderson@stpattroy.org with questions.

ST. TERESA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Philip Swabb
Extraordinary Minister	Jackie Swabb
Lector	Jackie Swabb
Ushers	Need Volunteers

Sunday, December 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	Need Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister	Bev Yount
Lector	Need Volunteer
Ushers	Alex Moore, Kevin Rindler

PARISH TASK LISTS

We are finishing up our Parish Task Lists. They will be available at both church entrances.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES



Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are available at both church entrances. Please turn them in to the collection basket or church office by December 11 to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

COA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT PROGRAM

The Covington Outreach Association's annual Children's Christmas Gift program is underway. The unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 10. Please stay within the spending range of \$35-40 for each angel.

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

Shelter Rentals	Alex Moore	937-473-2970
Prayer Chain	Anne Vanderhorst	937-473-5497

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE

St. Teresa's 2023 Christmas Bazaar Raffle was a success! Thank you to all who were involved in this year's Christmas Bazaar – preparing/donating raffle items, providing baked goods, working volunteer shifts and purchasing items from the vendors. Our profit this year was almost \$2,500!

TRANSFIGURATION

TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Shelly Thompson	937-698-4520
Altar Rosary Society	Rosalie Dzendzel	937-698-3251
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Schubert	937-836-5735
Homebound Ministry	Mary Allen	937-269-2558
Street Saints	Jeanne White	937-829-5147

THANK YOU!

Altar Rosary's Fall Bake Sale raised \$500 for altar needs like hosts, linens and other items needed during the course of the Mass.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Need a way to help pay off those upcoming holiday bills? We are looking for an individual to temporarily perform housekeeping duties at the Lange Estate from January 2, 2024, to approximately April 9, 2024. This temporary job will involve about 30-35 hours per week, Monday through Friday. All cleaning equipment will be provided. If you are interested in applying or obtaining more information, please email bmgr@tchurch.org.

TRANSFIGURATION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, December 9 – 5:00 p.m.

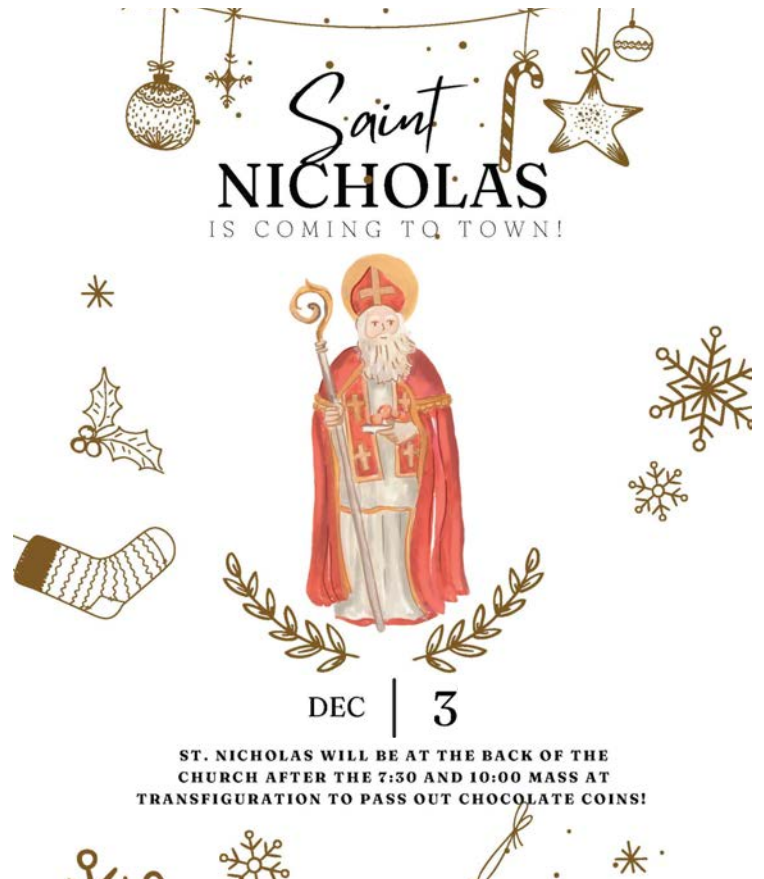
Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, F. Francis, C. Crabtree
Lector	C. Serey
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	K. Kleman, T. Paxton, K. Serey, Volunteer

Sunday, December 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	X. Hummel, L. Hummel
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mergler, J. Mergler, C. Hummel
Lector	K. Jacobs
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Carport, B. Hoffman, J. Stutz, Volunteer

Sunday, December 10 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Case, M. Weikert, L. Dexter
Extraordinary Ministers	W. Dexter, D. Kelchner, B. Platfoot
Lectors	M. Hummel, M. Olenchuk
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	M.P. Post, L. Manson, R. Winkler



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