

A silhouette of a nativity scene is centered in the lower half of the image. It depicts the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a camel visible on the right. The scene is set against a warm, glowing orange and yellow background that transitions into a deep purple and blue at the top. A bright, star-like light emanates from the top center, casting a soft glow over the entire scene.

CHRISTMAS 2023

PEACE ON EARTH

Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

St. Patrick, Troy

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www.piquaparishes.org

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

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www.stpattroy.org

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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.

SAFE PARISH:

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, JANUARY 8				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Boniface St. Boniface	Fr. Steve Fr. Bensman Fr. Baker Fr. Jim	Barry Boones †Bill Houser †Joe & Jeanette Maniaci Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers	The Baptism of the Lord Is 55:1-11 Mk 1:7-11
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9				
7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick St. Boniface Transfiguration	Fr. Steve Fr. Jim Fr. Callan	Howard, James, Mark Boyd †Patsy Epperly †Clete McEldowney	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary St. Teresa	Fr. Baker Fr. Steve Fr. Callan Fr. Jim	Gary Groff Purgatorian Mass †Diane DeBrosse †Jerry Strickroth	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11				
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick St. Boniface St. Teresa	Fr. Steve Fr. Terry Fr. Callan Fr. Jim	Brittany Ankerman Cecelia Adams †Warren Koogler †David Mayor	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Jim	George Heitkamp Poor Souls in Purgatory †Matt Koon	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13				
8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary St. Boniface St. Patrick St. Mary Transfiguration	Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Jim Fr. Eric Fr. Callan	†Wilbur & Anna Sager †Leroy Platfoot Gene Gretch Living & Deceased of SB & SM Living & Deceased of TR	St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14				
7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick * Transfiguration St. Teresa St. Mary St. Patrick * Transfiguration St. Teresa St. Boniface St. Patrick *	Fr. Baker Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Eric Fr. Jim Fr. Callan Fr. Steve Fr. Eric Fr. Jim	Ernestine Littlejohn Living & Deceased of the Officer Family †Sylvester Meyer †David Anthony Ruthanne Wildenthaler †Clete McEldowney †Boots & John Speer †Louis & Nancy Curtis Living & Deceased of the Gwisdala & Fisher Families	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

\$ = 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			6:00-6:45 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
TRANSFIGURATION				6:00-7:00 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 – ST. FRANCISCO THE GENTLE SOUL - PT. 1



In the opening pages of Sr. Lucia's fourth memoirs, she describes Francisco by stating, "Apart from his features and his practice of virtue, Francisco did not seem at all to be Jacinta's brother. Unlike her, he was neither capricious nor vivacious. On the contrary, he was quiet and submissive by nature. When we were at play and he won the game, if anyone made a point of denying him his rights as winner, he yielded without more ado and merely said: "You think you won? That's alright! I don't mind. He showed no love for dancing, as Jacinta did; he much preferred playing the flute while others danced."

Lucia goes on to tell a story of a handkerchief that someone brought him from the seaside. It had a picture of Our Lady of Nazare. The Shrine of Our Lady of Nazareth, known in Portugal as Nossa Senhora da Nazare, is found in the village of Nazare on the Atlantic coast in Portugal. The village is named after this miraculous statue of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child that was brought to the area many centuries ago. According to tradition, this miraculous image was carved by the hands of Saint Joseph, the foster father of Christ, while in the very presence of the Infant Jesus and the Mother of God. Later, the faces and hands of the images were painted by Saint Luke the Evangelist. This remarkable image is still preserved in a church where it can be viewed by anyone, and the story surrounding it is a fascinating one. As the handkerchief was passed around for all to see, it came up missing. Sr. Lucia found it in the pocket of another boy, who claimed that it was his, that he also had someone bring him one from the seaside. Francisco's response was, "Let him have it! What does a handkerchief matter to me."

We contrast Sr. Lucia's overall impression of Francisco by that of his father. "His father said: 'He was more courageous than Jacinta. He didn't always have as much patience; and often, for small reason, he would run around like a young bull calf. He was anything but a coward. He would go out at night, alone in the dark, without a sign of fear. He played with lizards and snakes...'"



Our Lady of Fatima's priests – Fr. Eric, Fr. Steve, Fr. Jim and Fr. Callan – extend a sincere "thank you" for your prayers, gifts, cards and kindness this Christmas season.

PARISH MISSION

**Coming this Lent to Our Lady of Fatima...
A Parish Mission with Brother Mauricio Torres
WITH FOCUS ON THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD**

Evening programming to include the Rosary, Special Talks,
Live Stations of the Cross, Mass, Relics & Social Hour

Mark Your Calendar for 6:30 p.m.!

Monday, March 11	Transfiguration
Tuesday, March 12	St. Patrick
Wednesday, March 13	St. Boniface
Thursday, March 14	St. Mary

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

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.

CCD

Christmas Break – CCD resumes the week of January 8.

To volunteer, for questions or to register your child for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), please contact Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org or 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group for grades 9-12 resumes this week,
Sunday, January 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Bosco Night for grades 6-8 resumes Monday, January 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Both programs are held in the Youth Ministry building
at Church of the Transfiguration.

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:



For questions, to register or to volunteer, please contact Annie Canavan at coe@tchurch.org or 937-703-2798.



HOLY LEAGUE

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LEAD THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
—Proverbs 27:17

CONTACT WADE DEXTER WITH QUESTIONS 937-875-7132 | 6DEXTERS@GMAIL.COM

Who:	Men of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes
What:	Eucharistic Adoration & Men's Fellowship
When:	3rd Saturdays 7:00 AM Starting 1.20.24
Where:	Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal 3505 Calumet Rd. Ludlow Falls, OH 45339
Why:	To bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

January 1-5, 2024

Cathy Krampe, Stan Buechter, Gloria Stonerock,
Gary & Susan Curtis, Christine Schmidt

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Gretchen Roeth	778-0325
Knights of Columbus	Dennis DeBrosse	214-7945
Knights of St. John	Doug Francony	214-4915

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.
- † 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.

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 is welcome.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, January 13 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 14 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Knapke, S. Knapke, A. Polakowski
Extraordinary Ministers	M. E. Buechter, D. Burnside, T. Burnside, S. Mary Alice
Lectors	B. Carter, D. Decknadel
Sacristan	D. Johnson
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, T. Jenkins, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, January 13 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Bell, Jr., K. Dunbar, K. Dunbar
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Bosse, M. Bosse, S. Ginny, A. Koehl
Lectors	B. Karpinski, T. Watts
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, January 14 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	D. Johnston, D. Johnston, K. McFarland
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Galbreath, M. Giesseman, M. Koon, E. Merrifield
Lectors	R. Foster, T. Foster
Sacristan	D. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

ST. PATRICK

*Thank You to the Lins family for organizing
the Giving Tree this Advent!*

THANK YOU to St. Pat's Giving Tree participants for sharing so many gifts for clients of the Miami County Center for Life. Your presents were much appreciated. We normally only have lightly-used clothing for our clients throughout the year so your gifts of brand new clothing items, diapers and toys brought huge smiles to the families that often can't afford much at Christmas. Thanks for sharing your blessings this Christmas. If you ever know of someone who could use our help, please send them our way at 305 E. Main Street or phone 937-335-LIFE. We are always here to help and to listen. May God bless you!

Gratefully, Miami County Right to Life

ST. PATRICK

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Prayer Chain Sue Hastings 937-339-2945
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WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

December 25: Kara Wersterfield

December: Jeff Reed

LITTLE FLOWERS BLUE KNIGHTS

Children grades K-5 are invited to learn about 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 **Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m.!**

Mark your calendar:

January 7	April 7
February 4	May 5
March 3	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, January 13 – 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, January 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	C. Subler, C. Unger
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Jent, Dcn. J. Carlin, T. Jent
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, January 14 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Knapke, O. Poeppelman, E. Taylor
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Taylor, S. Behm, K. Olberding, H. Spaide
Lector	S. Keller
Sacristan	J. Taylor

Sunday, January 14 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Cathcart, W. Rippey
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Lauer, D. Wolfe, E. Sheridan
Lector	M. Pellegrino
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

TRAVELING SHAMROCKS

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Deadline for reservations is **March 16, 2024.**

Final payment is due July 25, 2024.

For questions: Pat Smith, rsmith3055@aol.com.

Flyers can be found in the book rack at the entrance of the church.

You can also find the info here: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link//1222085>.

ST. TERESA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, January 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	P. Swabb
Extraordinary Minister	J. Swabb
Lector	J. Swabb
Ushers	J. Walter, C. Wehner

Sunday, January 14 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	Need Volunteers
Extraordinary Minister	B. Yount
Lector	Need Volunteer
Ushers	A. Moore, D. Yount

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

Shelter Rentals	Alex Moore	937-418-8884
Prayer Chain	Anne Vanderhorst	937-473-5497



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St. Teresa on Sunday, January 14, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

All donations will go to Miami County Right to Life.



TRANSFIGURATION

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE NEEDED

We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance employee to work 20-24 hours per week for Transfiguration and St. Patrick Churches. Desired individual will have basic maintenance skills and be physically able to perform various maintenance tasks. Candidates should submit an e-mail expressing interest to bmgr@tchurch.org.

TRANSFIGURATION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, January 13 – 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, January 14 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 14 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

SAVE-THE-DATE: Art & Craft Night

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Project: Faux Stained Glass

STREET SAINTS



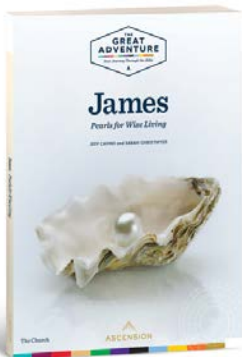
“Street Saints” is collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and the needy in our area. Please drop your donation into the box in the vestibule.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

It seems someone has accidentally picked up Dale and Carol Magato's offertory envelopes #171. Please check your envelopes to make sure you have the correct box. Thank you.

TRANSFIGURATION CENTER

BIBLE STUDY



James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. **The Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal** will begin an eleven-week Bible Study, *James: Pearls for Wise Living*, on January 30 and 31 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively. For more information or to register, call 937-698-7180. A book is not necessary but can be purchased at ascensionpress.com.

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