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EASTER 2024

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES

St. Patrick, Troy

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, APRIL 15				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Boniface	Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Jerry Bensman Fr. Eric Bowman	†Eunice Burkhart The Burkhart Family †Marilou Coverstone	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
TUESDAY, APRIL 16				
7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick St. Boniface Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell Fr. Isaiah Callan	†John Romanick †Rita McGreevy Poor Souls in Purgatory	Acts 7:51-8:1a Jn 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. James Duell	†Dean Walter Purgatorian Mass †Ron Miller Living & Deceased of Mayor Family	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
THURSDAY, APRIL 18				
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick St. Boniface St. Teresa	Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. James Duell	Charley Ankerman †Dan Bowman †Tom Olds Domski, Hindmarch & Franzetta Families	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
FRIDAY, APRIL 19				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. James Duell	†Helen Mayer Those suffering from mental illness †Jim & Alta Mae Schrubb	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
SATURDAY, APRIL 20				
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. Isaiah Callan Fr. James Duell Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Eric Bowman	†Barbara Stonerock †Patrick Hinnegan †James Holter †Jean Burner †Bob Pequignot	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
SUNDAY, APRIL 21				
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. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup	†Alton Ording Living & Deceased of TR †Rick Reck †Mary Koon †Dave Cartwright Pat McEldowney †Norbert & Edna Guillozet (Birthday Remembrance) Living & Deceased of SB & SM Parishes †OLF Priests and Deacons	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

\$ = 2nd Collection: **SM – Help-a-Student** **SB – Maintenance** † = 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.				

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS – VENERABLE LUCIA: THE LONELY MARIAN APOSTLE – PT. 5



Lucia prepared for the Sacrament of Penance. The confessor was Fr. Cruz, and Lucia would always remember this moment:

“I told her that I wanted to confess to the other priest. So we went to the sacristy where he was sitting on a chair hearing confessions. My mother knelt down in front of the high altar near the sacristy door, together with the other mothers who were waiting for their children to confess in turn. Right there before the Blessed Sacrament, my mother gave me her last recommendations.

When my turn came round, I went and knelt at the feet of our dear Lord, represented there in the person of His minister, imploring forgiveness for my sins. When I had finished, I noticed that everyone was laughing. My mother called me to her, and said: ‘My child, don’t you know that Confession is a secret matter and that it is made in a low voice? Everybody heard you! There was only one thing nobody heard: that is what you said at the end.’

On the way home, my mother made several attempts to discover what she called the secret of my confession. But she obtained nothing but a stony silence. I am going to disclose this secret of my First Confession. After listening to me, the good priest said these few words: ‘My child, your soul is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Keep it always pure so that He will be able to carry on His Divine action within it.’ On hearing these words, I felt myself filled with respect for myself, and asked the kind confessor what I ought to do. ‘Kneel down there before Our Lady and ask Her, with great confidence, to take care of your heart, to prepare it to receive Her beloved Son worthily tomorrow, and to keep it for Him alone.’

In the church, there was more than one statue of Our Lady, but as my sisters took care of the altar of Our Lady of the Rosary, I usually went there to pray. That is why I went there on this occasion also, to ask Her with all the ardor of my soul to keep my poor heart for God alone. As I repeated this humble prayer repeatedly with my eyes fixed on the statue, it seemed to me that She smiled, and with a loving look and kindly gesture, assured me that She would. My heart was overflowing with joy, and I could scarcely utter a single word.

The happy day dawned at last; but nine o’clock – how long it was in coming! I put on my white dress, and then my sister Maria took me into the kitchen to ask pardon of my parents, to kiss their hands, and ask their blessing. After this little ceremony, my mother gave me her last recommendations. She told me what she wanted me to ask Our Lord when I had received Him into my heart, and said goodbye to me in these words: ‘Above all, ask Him to make you a saint!’

Her words made such an indelible impression on my heart, that they were the very first that I said to Our Lord when I received Him. Even today, I seem to hear the echo of my mother’s voice repeating these words to me. I set out for the church with my sisters, and my brother carried me all the way in his arms, so that not a speck of dust from the road would touch me. As soon as I arrived at the church, I ran to kneel before the altar of Our Lady to renew my petition. There I remained in contemplation of Our Lady’s smile of the previous day, until my sisters came in search of me and took me to my appointed place. There was a large number of children, arranged in four lines – two of boys and two of girls – from the back of the church right up to the altar rails. Being the smallest, it happened that I was the one nearest to the ‘angels’ on the step by the altar rails.”

SUBMIT BULLETIN CONTENT REQUESTS VIA THE NEW ONE-STOP, SIMPLE LINK!

Find the link on any of our Our Lady of Fatima websites. Thank you for your patience and kind feedback as the bulletin has been necessarily unified among the five Our Lady of Fatima churches the past six months! To continue to streamline the content, an easy-to-use Google Form will be the sole method for submissions moving forward. This will ensure consistency in the materials collected to help those submitting and those maintaining the entries. If there is a question, please call the Transfiguration office at 937-698-4520.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, there will be a second collection at OLF churches for Catholic Relief Services. Your donation will help our brothers/sisters in the United States to:

- Feed **Jesus' hunger** in suffering refugees through the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services. (MRS)
- Offer legal **assistance to Jesus** in struggling immigrants through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
- Reach out to **comfort Jesus'** loneliness in isolated workers through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.
- Give water to **quench Jesus' thirst** in the people of Kenya and Zambia through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services. (CRS)
- **Advocate on behalf of Jesus** in the poor and marginalized through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.
- Send **aid to Jesus** in the victims of natural disaster through the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

A special way you can serve your parish

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL effectively unified with representation from all five churches this year! In preparation for the first term-limits expiring this coming summer, Pastoral Council wishes to extend an invitation for self-nomination. Please contact your church office manager by May 1 to be added to the rolling nomination list for Pastoral Council's consideration and potential appointment as vacancies arise in the future.

OLF Pastoral Council Purpose: Striving to be missionary disciples, Pastoral Council provides a platform to share support, concerns, praises and liaising to pastoral leadership so that the Church can continue to be strengthened. Pastoral Council participates in interactive exchanges, serves as a voice of the people and allows for additional accountability for the parish's strategic plan goals.

Pastoral Council typically meets once per month, approximately eight-ten months per year. The term-limit is typically three years with consideration for renewal.



Join the **"Uplift Your Priest"** campaign beginning the Monday after the 2nd Sunday of Easter – April 8-April 19!

Our priests are being called into great heroic action, while pouring an overabundant amount of love and support out for all of us. As a gesture of gratitude, "Vocation Ministry" is launching its annual campaign to inspire the laity to affirm and encourage their priests, especially following Lent and Easter. Visit: vocationministry.com.

Here is some inspiration so that you, too, can **"Uplift Your Priest"**:

- Send a kind e-mail or text.
- Send a spiritual bouquet.
- Drop off popcorn, candy or snacks for movie night.
- Send him drawings or paintings by children.
- Pray, fast and offer sacrifices for him.
- Send him a restaurant gift card.
- Make a family video message.
- Create a sidewalk message in front of the church/rectory.
- Post a picture of your family with your priest.
- Send financial support to the parish in his honor.
- Text, call or tag on social media three families/individuals to pray a Rosary for him.

Thank you, Fathers Eric, Steve, Jim and Callan, for the wonderful and generous ways you minister to us and for saying "yes" to God's calling! We are grateful you are our priests.



MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY

There are still a few more opportunities remaining for Youth Ministry sessions this school year! All are welcome:

Youth Group – Grades 9-12 Sundays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
April 14 | April 21 | April 28

Bosco Night – Grades 6-8 Mondays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.
April 15 | April 22 | April 29 | May 6 | May 13 | May 20

Both programs are held in the Youth Ministry building at Transfiguration. Questions: acanavan@stpattroy.org

CONFIRMATION: Parish/school students will be confirmed this month. Please pray for our confirmands as they receive the Holy Spirit!

Twenty-seven teens at St. Patrick – April 14 | 3:00 p.m.
Fifteen teens at St. Mary – April 21 | 3:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OCIA: Enroll to become initiated into the Catholic Church through Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA).

CCD: Join us! Volunteer, inquire or register your child for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

Contact the Director of Religious Ed, Susan Anderson: sanderson@stpattroy.org | 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS, again, to our new parishioners received into the faith this Easter! Please forgive name misspellings in last week's roster.

Catechumens

Robin Brown
Dustin Fisher
Amanda Fisher
Tyler Fraley
Ken Nash
Leslie McDermitt
Jill Mayberry
Amy Speer
Braedan Bilbry
Tori Wenrick

Candidates

Mitchell Finkes
Amanda Manson
Maria Bayse
Tara Stuart
Jeffrey Stuart
Allen Schrubbs

Confirmation

Kara Westerfield
Tim Missimer
Lauren Ritter
Macey Ritter

CALLING ALL MEN

WHO ARE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THEIR FAITH AND LEAD THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES

Who: Men of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

What: Eucharistic Adoration & Men's Fellowship

When: 3rd Saturdays | 7:00 AM | APRIL 20

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.

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

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

GRIEFSHARE NEW SESSIONS!

Sessions are underway through May. Join at any time! The afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m., both on Wednesday. Meetings are in St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs Room 3 (444 E. Water Street, Troy). Simply come check it out, or register here: griefshare.org/findagroup. Contact Pat Smith with questions at rsmith3055@aol.com.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

ST. CLARE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Praise God for all the blessings that come from the devotion of Adoration! We are blessed in so many ways – with this special place to visit almost anytime, with committed, original guardians since the inception of the chapel in 1990, and with several recent new, regular and substitute guardians from all over Our Lady of Fatima's region. Thank you!

Consider this call for HELP! There is still a great need for late evening substitutes along with regular and substitute guardians for overnight. Please prayerfully consider responding to this invitation to be a guardian once/twice per month, weekly or as a sub. To inquire about available hours, or to ask questions about St. Clare Chapel, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

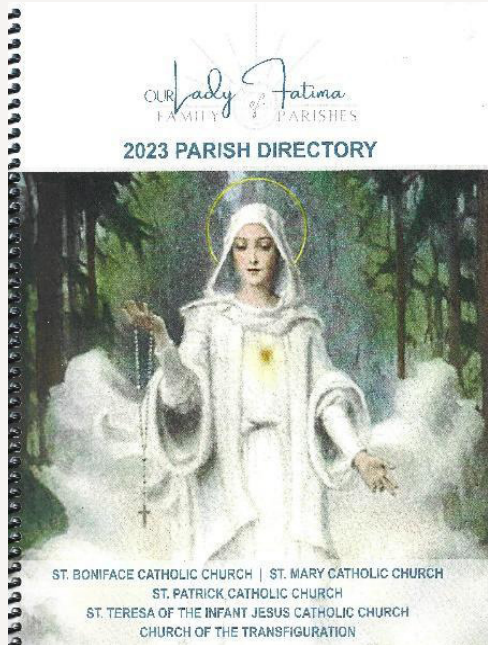
ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, April 20 – 3:30 p.m.	
Altar Server	B. Daniel, D. Johnston, D. Johnston
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Brush, K. Henne, R. Webb, K. Warner
Lectors	J. Herbe, C. Herbe
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny
Sunday, April 21 – 11:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	J. Garman, L. Garman, W. Garman
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Peltier, C. Peltier, K. Earhart, T. Burnside
Lectors	L. Graham, K. Rank
Sacristan	M. E. Buechter
Ushers/Greeters	Volunteer, J. Josefovsky, T. Jenkins, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, April 20 – 5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	F. Friend, V. Karn, J. Richard
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Bosse, M. Bosse, M. J. Karn, B. Kiefer
Lectors	K. Wendeln, S. Ginny
Sacristan	T. Watts
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers
Sunday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	C. Galbreath, S. Galbreath, W. Galbreath
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Stonerock, G. Stonerock, M. Worland, E. Merrifield
Lectors	S. Kalmar, R. O'Leary
Sacristan	G. Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins



Peggy and Lou Pereira's church photograph was inadvertently omitted from the OLF Parish Directory/St. Teresa section. Please make note of this publishing error. Our apologies that it wasn't caught. Thank you!

Reminders

- Parishioners who were photographed for the OLF Parish Directory receive a free copy!
- Directories are still available for purchase for \$15.00.
- Please contact your church office for your copy!

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

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

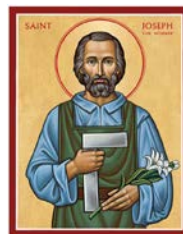
PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

April 8-12: Brian Emerick, Mark & Jean Bell, Ben Scott, Catherine Krampe, Sarah Hager



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Edwin L. Liette**. May God grant him peace and grant comfort to his loved ones. Amen.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, the St. Boniface and St. Mary churches will continue the tradition of donating nonperishable food items to the Bethany Center food pantry. A St. Joseph Table will be at all weekend Masses April 27 and 28 for donations.

\$7-A-MONTH CLUB WINNERS – APRIL
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“Twinning” Celebrates Its 10-Year Anniversary

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A partnership with Piqua Mission Commission/Twinning Team and St. John/St. Lewis Parish in Portsmouth, Dominica*

The first Twinning Team was organized by Fr. Tom Bolte in 2014, when the partnership was established with St. John/St. Lewis Parish in Dominica. Here are some features of the beautiful partnership from the past 10 years!

- Four trips by Piqua’s parishioners to Dominica.
- Two visits from Dominican friends to Piqua.
- One trip by their pastor, Herman Sharplis, for a special Piqua Lenten Parish Mission.
- Between 2016-2018, donations were organized to assist in the completion of the new St. John/St. Lewis Church, since their original church had been destroyed by an earthquake in November of 2004. The two Piqua parishes collected and arranged for shipping of used pews and stained glass and new plexiglass and window framing purchases.

Throughout the year, you’ll see and hear support opportunities of the Piqua Mission Commission and Twinning program such as the Rummage Sale, special raffles and more. Stay tuned for more details about a capital project to aid St. John/St. Lewis that is in the works now!

**Piqua Mission Commission was originated by Paul and Rosemary Gutmann from St. Mary’s Church in the early 90s and has made possible programs such as the Twinning Program with Dominica, support for missionaries, Maruja and Ted Gutmann-Gonzalez, in the rural areas of Chile/Maryknoll Lay Missioners, and the Sister of Charity of Cincinnati, Sarah Mulligan, through the founding of the Community Clinic in Mixco, Guatemala.*

To learn how to become involved with the Mission Commission or Twinning, to offer your support, or to become a member, please contact: Don Stonerock, Mission Commission president | don.stonerock@yahoo.com or Bob Hartings, Twinning Program coordinator | hartingsbob@gmail.com. The prayers of our fellow parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes are greatly appreciated.



ST. PATRICK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, April 20 – 5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	T. Custer, A. Knapke
Extraordinary Ministers	Dcn. J. Carlin, S. Carlin, S. Keller
Lector	K. Shanesy
Sacristan	K. Shanesy
Sunday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m.	
Altar Servers	D. Boekman, W. Rippey
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Groff, R. Groff, Dcn. J. Carlin
Lector	I. Voisard
Sacristan	J. Lehrter
Sunday, April 21 – 9:30 a.m.	
Altar Servers	C. Hartley, K. Hartley, E. Taylor
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Olberding, P. Smith, J. Taylor, S. Behm
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	J. Taylor
Sunday, April 21 – 11:30 a.m.	
Altar Servers	C. Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Lauer, E. Sheridan
Lector	G. Rinehart
Sacristan	E. Sheridan

ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

Facilities Use Pat Cartwright 937-335-2833, ext. 2002
pcartwright@stpattroy.org

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

April 1 – Linda Cooper
Month of April – Georgeanna Grosso

ATTENTION WOMEN OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Are you looking for a way to meet other women members of our parish and increase your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Join the W.E. Discuss (Women's Enrichment Discussion Group) which meets the first and third Mondays of each month, September-May. Meetings are held in the Art Room, second floor, of StoryPoint in Troy.

9:00-9:30 a.m. Coffee and socializing
9:30-11:00 a.m. Discussion of faith-related topics

We would love to have you join! For more info, contact Rosemary at 937-339-7926 or Mary at 937-339-5286.

ST. TERESA



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

The Covington Knights of Columbus will be having one more Fish Fry on Friday, April 26 in the St. Teresa

Parish Hall from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. or until all meals are sold out. Meals are \$10 and include 3 pieces of fish, 2 sides and coffee. Soft drinks and desserts will also be available for purchase.

Interested in becoming a Knight? K of C members will be available after both Masses at St. Teresa on April 21 to answer any questions you may have. Any practicing Catholic who is male and 18 years or older is eligible to join.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m.	
Altar Server	Need Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	J. Walter
Lector	K. Bartley
Ushers	A. Otte, J. Walter
Sunday, April 21 – 10:30 a.m.	
Altar Server	Need Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	D. Boehringer
Lector	M. Coate
Ushers	L. Coate, A. Meyer

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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

TRANSFIGURATION

TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Shelly Thompson	937-698-4520
Altar Rosary Society	Rosalie Dzendzel	937-698-3251
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Schubert	937-776-9082
Homebound Ministry	Mary Allen	937-269-2558
Street Saints	Jeanne White	937-829-5147

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please help identify those individuals who have left the church, who are interested in Catholicism or who need encouragement with their faith.

Contact Joe or Donna Mergler:

937-698-1056

j.mergler@yahoo.com | donnamergler@hotmail.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, April 20 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, K. Kehrer, L. Albright
Lector	J. French
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	C. Crabtree, G. Steele, B. Denlinger

Sunday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Desch
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Dzendzel, R. Gallegos, J. Mergler
Lector	T. Sollenberger
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	N. Carport, D. Brown, A. Brown, R. Gallegos

Sunday, April 21 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	L. McCartan, M. Schuber, T. Canavan
Lectors	R. Latino, J. Fisher
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	R. Winkler, M. P. Post, L. Manson

SCHOOLS

JOIN THIS SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT: "TASTE & SEE" SPRING SOCIAL!



Saturday, April 27, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Piqua Catholic North Street campus! A specially-crafted selection of delicious appetizers and desserts with top-shelf bourbons, fine wines and craft beers will be ready to sample. Learn from the bourbon and wine experts! Don't miss the Brewing Education and Tasting Session from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, featuring six craft beers and a NEW beer brewed EXCLUSIVELY for this event! A cash bar featuring craft cocktails and mocktails will also be available. Enjoy LIVE entertainment, raffles and more. Tickets are \$60.

www.piquacatholic.org/page/tasteandsee | Follow on Facebook for more event details @PiquaCatholicSchool.

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