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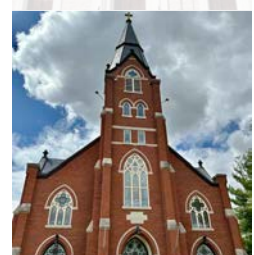
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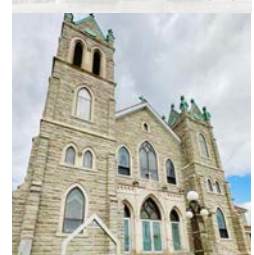
OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES ACCOMPANIES PEOPLE IN BECOMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST THROUGH COMMUNITY, SACRAMENTS, SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER.



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)



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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)

PRIESTS & DEACONS | WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor	Saturday	3:30 PM	SB
Fr. Isaiah Callan, Vicar	Saturday	5:00 PM	SM, SP, TR
Fr. James Duell, Vicar	Sunday	7:30 AM	ST, SP, TR
Fr. Steven Shoup, Vicar	Sunday	9:00 AM	SM
Fr. Joseph Kozar, Sunday Associate	Sunday	9:30 AM	SP
Dcn. John Carlin	Sunday	10:00 AM	TR
Dcn. Jim Niswonger	Sunday	10:30 AM	ST
	Sunday	11:00 AM	SB
	Sunday	11:30 AM	SP

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	David & Sara Gudorf	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:13-21
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	Wynelle Hummel	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Peg Flinn	
7:00 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Jim Duell	Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Dave Cartwright	Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. James Duell	†Margo Francine Basye	
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Doug Smith II	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Anniv. of George & Julia O'reilly Mangen	St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Purgatorian Mass	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Connie Vavroch Johnson	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Bob & Gene Miller	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Richard Hummel	St. Dominic, Priest Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Betty Ryan	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	For our Seminarians	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Nicholas Deeter	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Bonnie Rashilla	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr Na 2:1,3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Mt 16:24-28
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Ted Hummel	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. James Duell	†Dik Mikolajewski	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Joan Sherman	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Food for the Poor	†Joe Thoma, III	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Rose Nagel, 50th Wedding Anniv/William & Carol McDonald	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Food for the Poor	†Val Decker	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Bowman	Tom Tiernan & Tyrone Fink	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joseph Kozar	Mary Ann Mangen	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Bob Huffman	
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa *	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of ST	
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Food for the Poor	†Carolyn Barhorst	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Carol Keck	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of TR	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa *	Fr. James Duell	†Gary Barhorst	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Food for the Poor	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Living and Deceased of SP	

\$ = 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						9:15 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-6:00 p.m.				

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



BEACONS OF LIGHT: CLOSING A PARISH VERSUS CLOSING A CHURCH

One of the most common initial responses by the faithful people of God to the announcement of the Beacons of Light initiative was a fear of the closing of parishes. It is very easy to see the reasons for this reaction as the goal of the Beacons of Light is to reduce the number of parishes. To provide greater clarity, this great article by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

“When we talk about churches and parishes on a day-to-day basis, we often use the terms interchangeably. But there is a big difference – especially when it comes to a bishop’s decision to close one under canon law.

The distinction is especially important in recent cases where parishioners have appealed the closure of their parish or church building, as the requirements for the closure of each differs. According to canon law, professor Father Pat Lagges, the difference comes down to this: “A church is simply a building built and consecrated for divine worship. The parish is the community of the faithful who gather there.” So a parish, he explains, may be comprised of multiple churches.

Lagges, who teaches at Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union, claims that Rome is actually somewhat reluctant to “close” parishes. They always prefer the term “merger,” because “the parish is really a perpetual entity, because it is people. It is a community, and a community of people doesn’t just cease to exist.”

Under Canon 515, however, the diocesan bishop has the authority to “erect, suppress, or alter parishes,” provided he obtains the approval of his presbyteral council. An appeal of a parish closure can be filed on procedural grounds – meaning the bishop missed a step in the process, such as consulting his priests – or substantive grounds, which Lagges explains as the reasoning behind the action. “A substantive inquiry would ask whether there was sufficient reason for the merger or closure,” he says. “If, for example, a parish could demonstrate good numbers, there would be substantive reasons to reverse a merger.”

To close a church building is to “reduce it to secular use – (to) take it out of service,” says Father Jim Coriden, a canon lawyer who taught at the recently-closed Washington Theological Union. Canon 1222 permits a church to be closed when it “cannot in any way be used for divine worship and there is no possibility of its being restored.”

Bishops may also allow churches to be “used for secular but not unbecoming purpose” if grave reasons suggest he should do so, and only after consultation with his council of priests. “A church is a dedicated place of worship,” Coriden says. “In Rome, they take it very seriously.”

As our parishioners might hear these terms in other areas or regions outside Our Lady of Fatima, it should be known that any decision to warrant a parish closure within Our Lady of Fatima would of course not be taken lightly. This has not yet been needed. Finances and individual finance councils’ assessments, attendance counts, number of Sunday Masses that could be covered by our assigned priests and additional considerations would first be tracked and made. Per the archdiocese and Rome, any action taken to close a parish must originate from the people of God. In other words, instead of a top-down approach, it is a bottom-up decision process.



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 | AUGUST 17

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



BULLETIN INFO

Find the **BULLETIN SUBMISSION** link on any of Our Lady of Fatima’s church websites! This will ensure consistency in the materials collected to help those submitting and those maintaining the entries. If you have a question, please call the Transfiguration office at 937-698-4520.

Troy and Piqua parishioners can **FIND BONUS BULLETIN CONTENT** from outside of our family of parishes by visiting www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins and scrolling to the final page.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIAMI COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE FAIR BOOTH

PLEASE VOLUNTEER to Help Work the Miami County Right to Life information booth at the Miami County Fair, August 9-15. Please contact Mary Jo Enneking at 937-838-8239 or at 937-727-7299 to check on available times and dates and how to pick up a free pass. Thank you.



THANK YOU

Thank you, Annie (Canavan) Hughes, for your four years of service to the youth and families of Transfiguration and to those of Our Lady of Fatima! Our prayers are with you as you embrace your new vocation as a wife.

CHECK OUT FORMED!

If you are looking for good Catholic programs, movies, books and resources for you and your family, be sure to check out FORMED. It is a free gift to Our Lady of Fatima parishioners from the parish – please take advantage of it! Visit stpatricky.org. Simply enter “St. Patrick, Troy, OH,” your name and email. Everyone can use it!



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Server REFRESHER Training

For CURRENT Altar Servers within Our Lady of Fatima! Fourth grade and older. Please RSVP for one or BOTH.



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LOCATION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH CONTACT
St. Patrick	Mon, 7/29/24	7-8 PM	RSVP - Jonathan Bade jbadepharmd@gmail.com Servers from any OLF church are invited to attend the refresher!
St. Patrick	Mon, 8/26/24	7-8 PM	

A full server training for newly-enrolled will be held in the fall!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Our Lady of Fatima's youth who attended a Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) week this summer! Parishioners, please pray for our young people whose faith has been ignited even further and that it might continue to burn brightly at home, school and within their church community. Check out opportunities coming soon for our youth to get together, share stories or to learn more about CYSC!



MINISTRIES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEXT SESSIONS BEGIN EARLY FALL!

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

GRIEF PROGRAMMING

GriefShare new sessions begin September 8. Meetings will be held Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick. Watch for additional details.

Loss of Spouse August 24 at 10:00 a.m.
at St. Patrick

Surviving the Holidays November 23 at 10:00 a.m.
at St. Patrick

BIBLE STUDIES

Fall Bible Study: *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* – Coming to St. Patrick
September 8-November 10 | Sundays | 6:00 p.m.
September 11-November 13 | Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

There are a few summer evenings left to join!

“Bosco Nights” Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., grades 6-8

“Frassati Nights” Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Contact Annie at 937-703-2798 or acanavan@stpattroy.org.



Hey, teens (and parents)! If you've already had a CYSC experience this summer, welcome back! If you are getting ready to make the visit, your faith will be even more on fire soon enough! If you're yet to learn about CYSC, stay tuned! Coming soon to Our Lady of Fatima Youth Ministry will be opportunities to gather, to hear all about the experiences gained this summer at the high-adventure Catholic summer camp, to reunite and to meet others.

To stay connected or to receive future **“OLF CAMP BLOCK”** invitations, please email info@stpattroy.org.

SAVE-THE-DATES

August 18 – 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface

YOUTH BLESSING & MASS for area students grades 6-12 and any teachers! Bring your family to Mass, and WEAR YOUR *CYSC T-SHIRT from this year (or a previous year) if you have one!

August 24 – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick

ELEMENTARY BLESSING & MASS for area elementary school students and any teachers!

August 25 – 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Lange Estate

3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls

BONFIRE NIGHT for rising 5th graders through 12th to share the fun and glory about CYSC! Parents are welcome to come and learn/share with other parents about CYSC.

*CYSC Catholic Youth Summer Camp

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

Prayer Chain Gretchen Roeth 937-778-0325
Knights of Columbus Dennis DeBrosse 937-214-7945
Knights of St. John Doug Francony 937-214-4915



REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joseph Thoma, III** and **Frieda A. Lamoreaux-Taylor**. May God grant them peace and comfort to their loved ones. Amen.*

MISSION COMMISSION

The next Mission Commission meeting will be August 12 at the North Street campus cafeteria. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome! Mission members are encouraged to attend. Also, the Mission Committee would like to thank all of the people who donated items for the Rummage Sale and all who helped set up and tear down. We made a total of \$7,876.75. Thank you!



Please join us the weekend of August 11 to hear Rev. Raymond Sutter speak at all Piqua Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Sutter will share personal witness about Food For the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please welcome Fr. Sutter next weekend!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, August 10 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	F. Friend, R. Henry, M. Osborne
Extraordinary Ministers	L. Ventura, V. Pierson, J. Ventura, R. Webb
Lectors	S. Wise, J. White
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, Volunteer, D. Penny

Sunday, August 11 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	P. Schmidt, A. Evans, C. Zimmerman
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Decknadel, B. Decknadel, M.E. Buechter, C. Garman
Lectors	B. Murray, C. Murray
Sacristan	D. Johnston
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, T. Jenkins, M. Cool*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, August 10 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	A. DiPace, K. Dunbar, K. Dunbar
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Epperly, M. Epperly, J. Bell, E. Merrifield
Lectors	E. Merrifield, B. Karpinski
Sacristan	Betty Elliott
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, August 11 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. Verrill, S. Weiser, N. Bates
Extraordinary Ministers	R. O'Leary, R. O'Leary, K. Roberts, M. Safreed
Lectors	T. Anderson, J. Terry
Sacristan	Gloria Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

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ST. PATRICK

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

July 22 – Shelley Chapman

*Raffle winners are announced in the bulletin two weeks after the drawing. Winners are notified separately.



WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Derek & Maria (Wiseman) Pierron

ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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pcartwright@stpattroy.org

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, August 10 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	L. Barsotti, T. Custer
Extraordinary Ministers	Dcn. J. Carlin, L. Bergman, T. Bergman
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	S. Knight

Sunday, August 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	D. Boeckman, C. Unger
Extraordinary Ministers	Dcn. J. Carlin, B. Groff, R. Groff
Lector	C. Bockey
Sacristan	J. Lehrter

Sunday, August 11 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Ratermann, S. Ratermann, T. Ratermann
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Smith, H. Spaide, J. Taylor, T. Muir
Lector	M. Gifford,
Sacristan	J. Taylor

Sunday, August 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Johnson, E. Kinsella
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Wolfe, M. Lauer, M. B. Rindler, A. Gutman
Lector	G. Rinehart
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

ST. TERESA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, August 11 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, August 11 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	Need Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	B. Yount
Lector	D. Tobias
Ushers	D. Tobias, 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, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for Donut Sunday next weekend, August 11.
Donuts and coffee will be served immediately following both Masses.

TRANSFIGURATION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, August 10 – 5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, C. Crabtree, F. Francis
Lector	C. Serey
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	K. Kleman, T. Paxton, K. Serey, J. Cetnar
Sunday, August 11 – 7:30 a.m.	
Altar Servers	X. Hummel, L. Hummel, T. Hummel
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Mergler, J. Mergler, C. Hummel
Lector	K. Jacobs
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Carport, B. Hoffman, J. Stutz, Volunteer
Sunday, August 11 – 10:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	W. Case, L. Dexter, M. Weikert
Extraordinary Ministers	W. Dexter, B. Platfoot, D. Kelchner
Lectors	G. Dexter, R. Latino
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	M. P. Post, R. Winkler, L. Manson, Volunteer

TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Shelly Thompson	937-698-4520
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Men's Prayer Group	Mike Schubert	937-776-9082
Homebound Ministry	Mary Allen	937-269-2558



Thank you, Shelly Thompson, for your nearly six years of service to the Church of the Transfiguration! Your diligent work and kind demeanor will be missed. Prayers will lift for you as you start your career as Piqua Catholic School's art teacher this fall! The students will be blessed to have you guide their creativity.

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.

TRANSFIGURATION CENTER

ROSARY WALKS




ROSARY WALKS this weekend at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal! (3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339) Mark your calendar and join at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

August 25 | September 29

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