



OUR Lady of Fatima FAMILY of PARISHES

DECEMBER
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2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Behold

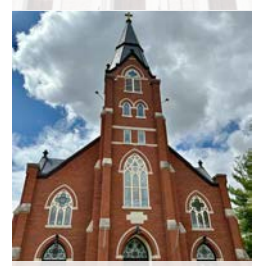
A VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHE WILL CALL HIS NAME.

Emmanuel

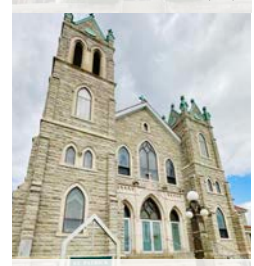
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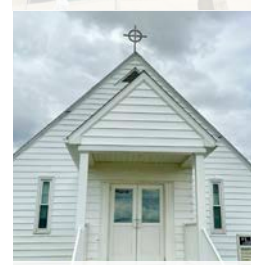
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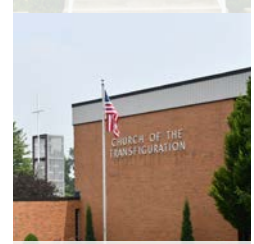
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ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



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

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Entrance is at the back of St. Boniface.
 Saturday, 6:00 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.

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CHURCHES

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 Rt. 36 www.stteresacovington.org
 Covington, OH 45318 Hours by Appointment

Church of the Transfiguration TR 937-698-4520
 972 S. Miami St. www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org
 West Milton, OH 45383
 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BULLETIN ENTRIES

Bulletin content submissions are due two Thursdays prior to the weekend it's needed or sooner. See the one-stop OLF bulletin submission link on any of our church websites.

CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BAPTISM Class is required, by appointment.

MATRIMONY Schedule 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.

HOMEBOUND Extraordinary Ministers can be arranged to visit homes and nursing facilities with the Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays.

SAFEPARISH To volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan compliant and registered with the SafeParish program.

PARISHIONER CONTACT INFO Be sure to keep your address, phone number and email up-to-date!

OLF PASTORAL COUNCIL

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. John MacQuarrie	†Richard Gardner	Is 2:1-5
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	†Dick Rodgers	Mt 8:5-11
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†David Burnside	
7:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. James Duell	Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Francis Monnier	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. James Duell	†Patsy Epperly	Is 11:1-10
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. John MacQuarrie	Living & Deceased of the Platfoot & Grieshop Families	Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Eva Dexter	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. John MacQuarrie	†Purgatorian Mass	Is 25:6-10a
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Bill Semanie	Mt 15:29-37
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Jerry Hensley	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Beasley Family	Is 26:1-6
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Dwayne Durr & Gerry Slattery	Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Fr. Angelo C. Caserta	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Urban Chappie	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Don Kosco	St. Nicholas, Bishop
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Joanne Maag	Is 29:17-24
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. James Duell	†Lewis Bey	Mt 9:27-31
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Barbara Stonerock	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Evelyn Gaier	Is 30:19-21, 23-26
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Steven Shoup	George & Julia Mangen	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Gerald Mertz	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. James Duell	†Ruby Monnier	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Steven Shoup	Living & Deceased of SP	Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. James Duell	Jerry & Ellen Stutz	Bar 5:1-9
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of ST	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Bernice Lewis	Lk 3:1-6
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Steven Shoup	OL of Fatima Parish Priests & Deacon	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of TR	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Jean Meyer	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	Fr. Joseph Kozar	Bonnie Rashilla	

\$ = 2nd Collection – Retirement for Religious † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

CONFESSIONS

In this season of preparing ourselves and our souls ahead of Christmas, Our Lady of Fatima's priests are pleased to extend Confession opportunities during the Season of Advent. Beginning December 3, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be as follows:

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.		4:00-4:30 p.m.
ST. BONIFACE					6:00-8:00 p.m.	
ST. MARY						9:15 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-7:00 p.m.				

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIESTS' WEEKEND MASS ROTATION November - December 2024

- Fr. Eric Bowman **St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus**
Covington | 7:30AM, 10:30AM
- Fr. Jim Duell **Church of the Transfiguration**
West Milton | 5PM, 7:30AM, 10AM
- Fr. Isaiah Callan **St. Boniface / St. Mary**
Piqua | SB 3:30PM, 11AM | SM 5PM, 9AM
- Fr. Steve Shoup **St. Patrick**
Sun. Assoc. Fr. Kozar Troy | 5PM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM



Daily Masses (weekdays/Saturday morning) will remain the same.



A Christmas letter from Fr. Eric will be mailed to Our Lady of Fatima parishioners soon! Remember to update your contact information with your church office this week.

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.



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 | **DECEMBER 21**

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

TAX ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

This year-end giving season, should you or your tax advisor require a tax acknowledgement letter for your charitable giving to church, please contact your church office to request that.

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: stpattroy.formed.org. Simply enter "St. Patrick, Troy, OH," your name and email. Everyone can use it!

2024 Holy Day Mass & Priest Schedule

OUR Lady of Fatima FAMILY PARISHES		St. Boniface		St. Mary		St. Teresa		St. Patrick		Transfiguration	
		310 S. Downing St. Piqua, OH 45356		528 Broadway St. Piqua, OH 45356		6925 W. US 36 Covington, OH 45318		409 E. Main St. Troy, OH 45373		972 S. Miami St. West Milton, OH 45383	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (obligation)	Monday, 12/9/24	7:00 AM					Mass School				
		8:30 AM			Fr. Steve Shoup School		Fr. John MacQuarrie School		Fr. Jerry Bensman		
		12:10 PM	Fr. Eric Bowman								
		7:00 PM			Fr. Eric Bowman Mass		Fr. Jim Duell		Fr. Isaiah Callan* Ad orientem, Candlelight		Fr. Steve Shoup

* = Incense

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ERIC BOWMAN’S RAMBLINGS – THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOURNEY

A very simple definition of a “journey” is the act of traveling from one place to another. We see in Sacred Scripture that many Biblical figures were called upon to undergo an epic journey, such as Moses leading his people out of slavery, and Jesus being led into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. The crucial element of a journey is having a mission you aim to fulfill that is almost always met with adversity and doubt. In those difficult times of the journey, we can be inspired by the Word of God to give us strength and direction. The words that are given to us from God are words of hope. From the moment Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s Word and lost paradise, the world was given a message of hope to cling to in the dark times of human existence. The hope for the Hebrew people was the promise of the Messiah. Today, the promise we cling to is the second coming of Our Savior.

“Our Christian life can be seen as a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father, which passes through the door that is Jesus Christ. The key to that door is repentance and conversion. The strength to pass through that door comes from our faith and hope and love. For many Catholics, an important part of the journey must be to rediscover the joy of belonging to the Church, to cherish the Church as the Lord has given her to us, as Mother and Teacher.” – **St. John Paul II**

The joy announced by the angel is not a thing of the past. It is a joy of today – the eternal today of God’s salvation which embraces all time, past, present and future. At the dawn of the new millennium, we are called to see more clearly that time has meaning because, here, Eternity entered history and remains with us forever. The words of the Venerable Bede express the idea clearly:

“Still today, and every day until the end of the ages, the Lord will be continually conceived in Nazareth and born in Bethlehem.” (In Ev. S. Lucae, 2: PL 92, 330) Because it is always Christmas in Bethlehem, every day is Christmas in the hearts of Christians. And every day we are called to proclaim the message of Bethlehem to the world, as we learn in the Gospel of Luke, “Good news of great joy.”

The Eternal Word, God from God, Light from Light, has become flesh and has made His dwelling among us.



BRING GENTLY-USED/NEW COATS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

Inspired by a big-hearted sixth grade student, and supported by Junior High Youth Ministry/Bosco Night tweens, coats are being collected at the entrances of all five OLF churches by December 1. Adult coats are in highest demand, sizes Large, XL, 2X. Please bring your gently-used coats or purchase a new one to share. Scarves and new blankets are welcome. The Junior High Youth will distribute these to the community. Thank you!

C.Y.O. VOLLEYBALL

CALLING ALL 4th, 5th & 6th grade girls!
Must be a member of a church within Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes or attend St. Patrick or Piqua Catholic Schools

When: Jan. through March 2025. Games on Saturdays & Sundays.
(possible weekday game.) Games at local parishes within the Dayton area.

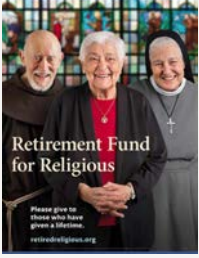
Practice Times:
4th grade: Mon. & Wed.: 6:00 -7:15PM
5th grade: Mon. & Wed.: 5:00 -6:15PM
6th grade: Mon. & Wed.: 7:00 -8:15PM

All practices held in the St. Patrick Parish Center Gym
Cost: \$85 & due at first practice.

Sign ups due by December 15th
Contact: Amanda Unger, @
amandakunger@gmail.com

Friendly competition with other local parishes!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Since the collection began, almost \$870 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly religious.

An additional \$103.5 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative healthcare facilities.

In addition to your direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual collection underwrite educational programming, services and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.

Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while allowing them to continue important ministries to the people of God. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

GIVING TREES



As the Season of Advent approaches, Giving Trees at Our Lady of Fatima's five churches will be thoughtfully and creatively made available soon so that our parishioners can bless our area's underprivileged people and nonprofit groups who serve the poor and homebound! **Info subject to change/addition as it's received.**

St. Boniface Catholic Church 📅 RETURN BY DECEMBER 9

Sponsored by Parish Family Life

Purchase and wrap a gift. Attach tag to package. Mission Commission special project donation envelopes available until Christmas. Call the Piqua Church Office with questions at 937-773-1656.

St. Mary Catholic Church 📅 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sponsored by St. Mary Outreach

Purchase and wrap a gift. Attach tag to package. Families and nursing home individuals will benefit from your generosity. Call Linda at the office at 937-773-1327 with questions.

St. Patrick Catholic Church 📅 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

There are more than 250 local individuals who will be blessed by our parishioners this Christmas from Partners in Hope, Right-to-Life, and shut-ins. Contact Kate at klins@woh.rr.com to lend a hand after Masses or with questions.

Church of the Transfiguration 📅 RETURN BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Gifts will benefit Miami County Right to Life or St. Bonaventure Indian Mission School.

Place your money or check inside the card, and deposit in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to Miami County Right to Life, but checks to St. Bonaventure should be made to "Transfiguration." Learn more about St. Bonaventure by searching the web for: St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School, Thoreau, New Mexico.

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus 📅 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Gifts support the Covington Outreach Association's "Children's Christmas Angel" program in partnership with most churches in Covington. Gifts go to the children of Covington.

MINISTRIES

MUSIC & LITURGY

ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. PATRICK WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK!

Beginning this first Sunday of Advent, 11/30-12/1, the altar servers at St. Patrick will be dressed in new liturgical vestments at Mass like their fellow servers at Church of the Transfiguration. Boys will "vest" in cassocks and surplices, and girls will "vest" in albs and scapulars. Not only were St. Patrick's robes previously threadbare, but each of these vestments was specially selected by our pastor in order to reflect to our young people the vocational paths possible for males and females. You can learn more about these vestments by checking out the graphics to the right! Thank you to volunteers who coordinated the project, were seamstresses, who ironed the vestments and who donated to this special purpose.



MINISTRIES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

OCIA: Is God calling upon you? If you (or someone you know) is interested in having a deeper relationship with God through the Catholic faith, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program is the place to begin. Call one of Our Lady of Fatima's five churches, or send questions/interest to sanderson@stpattory.org.

CCD: Your child is welcome!

Register your K-8th grade student for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

Questions: sanderson@stpattory.org | 937-335-2833, ext. 2006

OLF K-6th CCD Programs

K-6th | ST. PATRICK | TUESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

K-6th | TRANSFIGURATION | WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION PREP

7th-8th | ST. PATRICK | SUNDAYS, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

(Rec time, 4:30 p.m.)

7th-8th | TRANSFIGURATION | WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

(Rec time, 5:30 p.m.)

This is a special time, forming your child's faith journey with the Holy Spirit! 🔥

Sunday, 12/1 – No CCD at St. Pat's (moved to Wednesday, 12/4)

Sunday, 12/1 – No High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/2 – Bosco Night

Wednesday, 12/4 – 6 PM | CCD at Transfig (7/8th Gr. Confession & Adoration)

Wednesday, 12/4 – 6 PM | CCD at St. Pat's (7/8th Gr. Confession & Adoration)

Sunday, 12/8 – CCD at St. Pat's

Sunday, 12/8 – High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/9 – Holy Day – Immaculate Conception

Monday, 12/9 – Stay tuned for a Remind App/text message regarding Bosco Night

Wednesday, 12/11 – CCD at Transfig

Sunday, 12/15 – CCD at St. Pat's

Sunday, 12/15 – High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/16 – Bosco Night

Wednesday, 12/18 – CCD at Transfig

🎄Christmas Break🎄

CCD, Bosco Night and HS Youth Group will resume Sunday, January 5.

Youth Ministry Programs for all local school and Catholic school students.

Youth Group | Grades 9-12

Sundays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.,

Transfiguration Youth Building

Your Core Team: Fr. Callan, Louis Gaier, Grace Dexter, Dan Pearson, Tara Gerding

Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Faith & the Eucharist

Bosco Nights | Grades 6, 7 & 8 Only!

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Transfiguration Youth Building

Your Bosco Team: Deanna Rohlf, Jaci Taylor, Bailey Cooper, Bao Duong, Dylan Taylor

Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Saints & Faith

St. John Bosco, pray for us!

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

November-December: Ornaments are provided for our parishes for individuals to select and purchase items needed for the boutiques at Elizabeth's New Life Center. Mothers and fathers can take parenting classes at the center to earn points to "purchase" items from the boutique. Ornaments will be on St. Mary's Giving Tree beginning November 23 and St. Boniface November 30. Return items by the weekend of December 14-15. Please support these women who have chosen the gift of life for their unborn children.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, December 7 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	C. Calvert, B. Daniel, A. DiPace
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Cool, K. Henne, J. Herbe, K. Warner
Lectors	T. Sharp, R. Webb
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny

Sunday, December 8 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	K. Earick, N. Earick, R. Earick
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Peltier, C. Peltier, D. Peltier, J. Peltier
Lectors	B. Murray, C. Murray
Sacristan	D. Johnson
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, December 7 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Bell, F. Friend, A. Ford
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Karn, A. Karn, MJ Karn, M. Karn
Lectors	A. Yant, C. Yant
Sacristan	A. Epperly
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, December 8 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Calvert, O. DeBrosse, P. DeBrosse
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Mary Alice, B. Karpinski, E. Merrifield, Dcn. Jim
Lectors	T. Anderson, J. Terry
Sacristan	A. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

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

ST. CLARA LADIES are invited to the annual Christmas dinner at 3Joes, Thursday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. For a reservation, please call Bonne at 937-214-9092. We hope to see you there!

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING CHANGE

St. Mary Altar Society will meet a week earlier than normal in December. Join at the Lighthouse at the Lock on December 2 at Noon for lunch and a meeting. Christmas cards will be prepared for parishioners who are shut-ins or residents at assisted living or nursing home facilities. All are welcome.

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

November 25-November 29 – **Karen Wendeln, Beverly Mikolajewski, Rich Knab, Joe McKinley, Julie Monnin**



BETHANY CENTER

St. Boniface will supply donations to the Bethany Center Food Pantry throughout November. December will be St. Mary's month for donations to the pantry. Bethany Center clients are especially in need of canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew and fruit. Other items needed are spaghetti, pasta sauce, fruit juice, broth, gravy, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, mac 'n cheese, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, boxed dinners, instant potatoes, noodles, popcorn and corn bread mix. Nonperishables are always appreciated, such as: toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Drop your items to the designated area at either church, or call Bethany Center at 937-615-9762 to deliver directly there. Thank you for helping others in our community.

A Visit With St. Nick

All children are invited to visit with St. Nick and receive a special gift on Sunday, December 1, in the Caserta Center Cafeteria after 11 AM Mass

All parishioners are invited to join in the fun – coffee, juice & doughnuts, advent music, St. Clara Ladies' Cookie Walk, and gathering with friends of good cheer – all happening during St. Nick's visit.

ST. BONIFACE/ST. MARY PARISHES' NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your news for the winter (January, February, March) issue of our Parishes' Newsletter by Monday, December 16. All parish members/groups are invited to contribute to our quarterly newsletter. You can report on previous activities or promote upcoming ones. News, including photos, can be emailed to jnrhemm@yahoo.com, phoned in (778-8642), or dropped off at the parish offices. Thanks!

AND: To receive the parishes' newsletter electronically, please send email address(es) to piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com or contact the parish offices. Thanks.

ST. PATRICK

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Ronald & Sue (Koenig) Luthman



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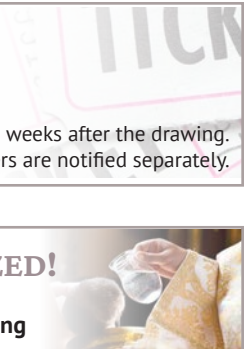
WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

November 25 – **Rob & Karen DeVilbiss**
Month of November – **The Johnson Family**

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

WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Althea Ann & Bronson Richard Vogelmeier,
children of Matt Vogelmeier & Alisha Borgerding



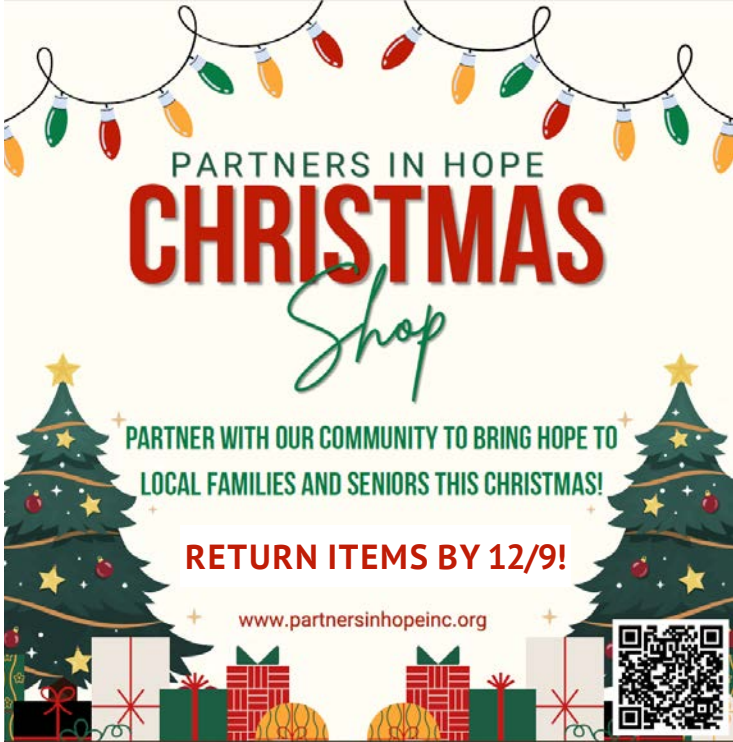
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ST. PATRICK



REST IN PEACE
Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jo Ann Goubeaux**. May God grant her peace and grant comfort to her loved ones. Amen.




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Return your Partners in Hope donated items to the entrance of St. Patrick by December 9! Toys are being requested for ages 0–12. For the teens 13+ and senior citizens, gift cards in amounts up to \$50 to Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, Amazon and Kohls are welcomed or \$5 stocking stuffers for local shops and restaurants. Full-size toiletry items (shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) are appreciated so that they can also be distributed the night of the annual Christmas Shop! Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 7 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	T. Behm, O. Poeppelman
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Clark, Dcn. J. Carlin, S. Clark
Lector	K. Shanesy
Sacristan	S. Carlin

Sunday, December 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Koesters, W. Swan
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Menker, J. Lehrter, VOLUNTEER
Lector	K. Kremer
Sacristan	J. Lehrter

Sunday, December 8 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Cathcart, J. Thomas, J. Thomas
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Behm, T. Cianciolo, A. Thomas
Lector	C. Rohlfs
Sacristan	M. Henry

Sunday, December 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Bass, W. Rippey
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Wolfe, C. Bockey, E. Sheridan
Lector	M. Pellegrino
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

New St. Patrick Server Training

For **NEW** St. Patrick Catholic Church Altar Servers!
Must select two sessions. Fourth grade and older.



	DATE	TIME	
ST. PATRICK	12/2/24	6:30-7:30 PM	Please RSVP! Must sign up for two training sessions. RSVP - Jonathan Bade jbadepharmd@gmail.com
	12/16/24	6:30-7:30 PM	
	1/6/25	6:30-7:30 PM	
	1/13/25	6:30-7:30 PM	
	1/20/25	6:30-7:30 PM	

ST. TERESA

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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

THANK YOU!

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 was just over \$3,000! We thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join us for decorating St. Teresa Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after 10:30 a.m. Mass. All ages are welcome! Come out and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 8 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	B. Yount
Lector	D. Tobias
Ushers	D. Tobias, D. Yount

TRANSFIGURATION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, December 7 – 5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, K. Kehrer, F. Francis
Lector	J. Volk
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	G. Steele, C. Crabtree, M. Sergy, J. Cetnar
Sunday, December 8 – 7:30 a.m.	
Altar Servers	X. Hummel, L. Hummel, T. Hummel
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Mergler, D. Mergler, C. Hummel
Lector	K. Jacobs
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Craport, B. Hoffman, J. Stutz
Sunday, December 8 – 10:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	W. Case, M. Weikert, L. Dexter,
Extraordinary Ministers	W. Dexter, B. Platfoot, D. Kelchner
Lectors	G. Dexter, R. Latino
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	Mary P. Post, L. Manson, R. Winkler

HELPING HANDS

Transfiguration is collaborating with the other Milton-Union Council of Churches to collect food to assist the needy in our area through the "Holiday Helping Hands" program. Our task is to donate 100 boxes of cereal before December 11. Please leave your donations in the special container in the vestibule. Thank you! If you know of a family needing a holiday food box through "Helping Hands," contact the Church Office at 937-698-4520 or office@tchurch.org.

WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Waylon Michael Brown, son of Michael and Macy (Newburg) Brown

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Cookie Exchange!

Transfiguration Parish Hall
Thursday December 12
7 - 8:30 PM

There will also be games, food and fun!

-Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies or individual desserts, copies of the recipe to share and an empty container to fill with your new cookies!

Contact Shelly with questions
937-901-0016

TRANSFIGURATION WELCOME COMMITTEE

Are there new people coming to our church? Do you know someone who wants to come back? We would love to send them a welcome packet to get connected, so they can learn more about Transfiguration. Contact Joe or Donna Mergler: 937-760-1389 | j.mergler@yahoo.com | donnamergler@hotmail.com.

TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

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Men's Prayer Group	Mike Schubert	937-776-9082
Homebound Ministry	Mary Allen	937-269-2558
Welcome Committee	Donna Mergler	937-760-1389

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