



# OUR Lady of Fatima FAMILY of PARISHES

DECEMBER  
**15**  
2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

# Behold

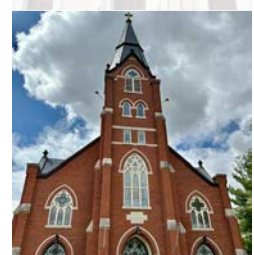
A VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,  
AND SHE WILL CALL HIS NAME.

# Emmanuel

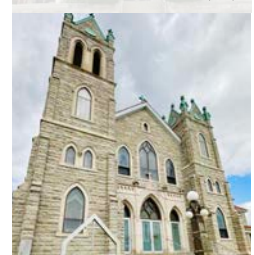
THE SEASON OF ADVENT, 2024



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)

## 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.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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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

SB Jill Hudgel	SP Ryan Subler
SB Teresa Burnside	ST Duane Bachman
SB Tara Carter	ST Alex Moore
SM Michelle Cox	ST Bev Yount
SM Melissa Galbreath	TR Joe Fisher
SM Rob O'Leary	TR Jerry Stutz
SP Crystal Ayers (on leave)	TR Robyn Gallegos – President
SP Jennifer Kloeker	

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# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 16</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Joe Ording	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	Ed & Bernie Grieshop	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Rachelle Cordonnier	
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Jo Ann Goubeaux	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. James Duell	†Evelyn Gaier	
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Del & Lori Albright	
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Cy Pleiman	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Purgatorian Mass	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Thomas & Margaret Dwyer	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Jerry Hensley	
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19</b>				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Living & Deceased of the Pierron & Monnin Families	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Andy Erchenbrecher	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Marlene Weigel	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	Barbara Hindmarch	
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Don & Dorothy Davis	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	John & Anita Ankerman	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of Bertke & Walker Families	
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21</b>				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Charlie Mertz	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joseph Kozar	†Dorothy Depweg	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Marlene Weigel	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	†Brooks Barnes	
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22</b>				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Carl Koesters	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	†Bob Pequinot	
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	Barbara Hindmarch	
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Kyle DeBrosse	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Rose Nagel	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of TR	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of ST	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Si Cutcher	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Living & 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](https://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 extended Confession opportunities during the Season of Advent. As of December 3, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be as follows:*

CHURCH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ST. PATRICK</b>			5:00-7:00 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
<b>TRANSFIGURATION</b>				5:00-7:00 p.m.		4:00-4:30 p.m.
<b>ST. BONIFACE</b>					6:00-8:00 p.m.	
<b>ST. MARY</b>						9:15 a.m.
<b>ST. TERESA</b>		5:00-7:00 p.m.				



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FR. ERIC BOWMAN'S RAMBLINGS – WORDS BY POPE JOHN PAUL II ON GAUDETE SUNDAY

I recently came across a homily by Pope St. John Paul II in December of 2000, which I found very insightful and to highlight the joy of this Gaudete Sunday for you. Here are a couple of paragraphs from the homily:

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is marked by *joy*: the joy of those awaiting the One who “is at hand,” the God-with-us, foretold by the prophets. It is the “*great joy*” of Christmas which we have a foretaste of today; a joy which “will be for all people,” because the Saviour came and will come again to visit us from on high, like the rising sun (Lk 1: 78).

*It is the joy of Christians, pilgrims in the world, who await with hope the glorious return of the One who, to come to our aid, emptied himself of his divine glory. The words of the prophet Zephaniah, which we have just heard in the first reading, become particularly eloquent: “Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has cast out your enemies” (Zep 3: 14-15): this is the “year of the Lord’s favour,” which heals us from sin and its wounds!*

The prophet’s consoling message echoes with great intensity in our assembly: “*The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love*” (Zep 3: 17).

It is he who *came* and it is he whom we *await*. Our Lord invites us to fix our gaze on him, especially during this Advent of the Year 2000. The Lord, “a warrior who gives victory,” is also presented to you today, dear brothers and sisters *who in various ways work in the entertainment world*.

The joy that flows from divine grace *is not a superficial or fleeting happiness*. It is a deep joy, rooted in the heart, which can imbue the believer’s entire life. A joy that can coexist with difficulties, trials, even – however paradoxical this may seem – with pain and death. It is the joy of Christmas and Easter, the gift of the incarnate Son of God, who died and rose again; a joy that no one can take from those who are one with him in faith and works.



ALL ARE WELCOME <i>Christmas Mass 2024</i>						
CHURCH	EVE TUES, 12/24	EVE TUES, 12/24	DAY WED, 12/25	DAY WED, 12/25	NEW YEAR'S EVE* 12/31	NEW YEAR'S DAY* 1/1/25
<b>TRANSFIGURATION</b> West Milton		<b>5 PM</b> Fr. John MacQuarrie		<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Steve	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Steve	<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Steve
<b>ST. PATRICK</b> Troy	<b>3 PM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Joe	<b>Midnight</b> Fr. Callan	<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>11 AM</b> Fr. Callan
<b>ST. MARY</b> Piqua	<b>6 PM</b> Fr. Eric	<b>10 PM</b> Fr. Eric		<b>8 AM</b> Fr. Eric		<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Eric
<b>ST. BONIFACE</b> Piqua		<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Steve		<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Eric	<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Eric	
<b>ST. TERESA</b> Covington		<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Jim		<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Jim	<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Jim	<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Jim
					<b>NEW YEAR'S</b> *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	

# 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.

# 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](mailto:amandakunger@gmail.com)

Friendly competition with other local parishes!



## 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](mailto:6DEXTERS@GMAIL.COM)

## 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](http://stpattroy.formed.org). Simply enter “St. Patrick, Troy, OH,” your name and email. Everyone can use it!

## 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](http://www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins) and scrolling to the final page.

## 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.



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
*Monthly Raffle*

**NOVEMBER WINNERS**

**3rd Prize = 126797...\$63**  
**2nd Prize = 600778...\$126**  
**1st Prize\* = 002147...\$368**

The color-match ticket was \*Yellow so the Rollover Pot bonus was not won.  
**CLAIM PRIZES BY 12/23/24!**

When color-match doesn't win or if prizes aren't claimed, money goes to the Rollover Pot for next month!

**NEXT RAFFLE AFTER ALL OLF MASSES 12/28-12/29!**

## 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@stpattroy.org.

#### **Your child is welcome!**

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

**Questions:** sanderson@stpattroy.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.

#### **OLF 7TH-8TH CCD 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! 🔥

*\*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

Led by 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

Led by Your Bosco Team: Deanna Rohlfs, Jaci Taylor, Bailey Cooper, Bao Duong, Dylan Taylor

Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Saints & Faith

*St. John Bosco, pray for us! Parishioners, pray for our young people!*

Sunday, 12/15 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at St. Pat's  
Sunday, 12/15 – High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/16 – Bosco Night  
Wednesday, 12/18 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at Transfig

🎄 Christmas Break 🎄

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

# 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

## WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Mrs. Hanna (Adam) Atwan  
and daughter Wrenley



## PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

December 9-December 13 – Tony Walter, Jim & Cathy Oda,  
Barbara Ulbrich, Dennis DeBrosse, Ed Marsh



## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Stanley Buechter**. May God grant him peace and offer comfort to his loved ones. Amen.

Join the 2025 \$7-a-Month Club to benefit OLF Religious Education!

## The 2025 Membership Enrollment Form is at the Doors of Church.

– A Piqua Parishes Tradition, Now Open for All Churches –

*Your enrollment as a \$7-a-Month Club Member directly enhances  
Our Lady of Fatima Religious Education programs!*

### MEMBERSHIP PERKS:

- ★ **Automatic entry into monthly \$25 raffle**  
Winners announced in the Our Lady of Fatima bulletin | Check mailed to the winner's home
- ★ **Invitation for up to two people to the annual Membership Dinner**
- ★ **Reverse Raffle Entry for prizes up to \$500 at the Membership Dinner**  
Save-the-Date | 2025 Membership Dinner | December 6, 2025

## ST. BONIFACE 28TH ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets = \$1/each or 6/\$5.00. Featuring three quilts!

- ★ "Lincoln Suite" | King Size (94x94") | Pieced & Machine Quilted by Rita Mayor
- ★ "Country Triangles" | Twin Size (66x99") | Cross Stitched by Peg White;  
Hand Quilted by Betty Elliott & Rose Hemm
- ★ "Texas 6-Point Star" | Throw/Wall Hanging Size (69x78") | Hand Quilted by Betty Elliott;  
Machine Quilted by Rita Mayor

Find tickets at [piquaparishes.org](http://piquaparishes.org), in last fall's newsletter, email [stbonifacequilt@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacequilt@gmail.com) or send ticket money/purchaser info to St. Boniface, 310 S. Downing, Piqua. Include name/phone and write "QUILT" on the envelope. The winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, December 30, at St. Boniface Bingo! Need not be present to win. Send questions to [stbonifacequilt@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacequilt@gmail.com) or 937-773-1656. Proceeds benefit the St. Boniface Oktoberfest!



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

### Saturday, December 21 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Johnston, D. Johnston, M. Peterson
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Cool, J. Herbe, K. Warner, L. Ventura
Lectors	R. Curtis, S. Wise
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny

### Sunday, December 22 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Garman, L. Garman, W. Garman
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Roth, H. Sever, L. Stotler, A. Woehrmyer
Lectors	M. McDonald, K. Zimmerman
Sacristan	D. Decknadel
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

### Saturday, December 21 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Ford, S. Ford, T. Ford
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Bosse, M. Bosse, C. Cianciolo, B. Gallagher
Lectors	K. Wendeln, Sister Ginny
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

### Sunday, December 22 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Galbreath, S. Galbreath, W. Galbreath
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Buecker, D. Cecil, M. Koon, K. Mertz
Lectors	A. Cecil, C. Buecker
Sacristan	D. Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

# ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

## 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!



### BETHANY CENTER

December is St. Mary's month for donations to the Bethany Center Food 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.

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

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



### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Clare Chapel is open for visitors from Saturday 6:00 a.m. throughout each day and overnight until Thursday midnight and also from Friday 4:00 a.m. until Friday 9:00 p.m. We have an increasing need for substitute, monthly/bi-monthly/weekly guardians especially for late evening and overnight.

There is a need for long-term subs for the following hours:  
 Friday, 5:00 p.m., January 17-February 28  
 Monday, 11:00 a.m. (TBD)  
 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., January 8-May 14

Holy Hours needing a regular guardians include:  
 Monday, 3:00 a.m.  
 Thursday, 2:00 a.m.  
 Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (weeks 3, 4, 5), 1:00 p.m. (every other week)  
 Saturday, 8:00 p.m. (every other week), 9:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 12:00 midnight, 3:00 a.m.

To ask questions about the special St. Clare Chapel or hours, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

# ST. PATRICK

## New St. Patrick Server Training

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



ST. PATRICK	DATE	TIME	<p><b>Please RSVP!</b></p> <p><b>Must sign up for two training sessions.</b></p> <p><b>RSVP - Jonathan Bade</b>                      jbadepharmd@gmail.com</p>
	12/2/24	6:30-7:30 PM	
	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. PATRICK

## ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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

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

## WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

**December 9 – Rosemary Jones**  
**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!

**Eleanor Louise Bockey,**  
**daughter of Curt & Joan (Clutter) Bockey**



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

### Saturday, December 21 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	B. Bass, E. Kinsella
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Clark, Dcn. J. Carlin, M. B. Rindler
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	K. Shanesy

### Sunday, December 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. Gudorf, L. Gudorf
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Menker, A. McDonough, VOLUNTEER
Lector	I. Voisard
Sacristan	S. Gudorf

### Sunday, December 22 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	T. Behm, S. Goubeaux, A. Knapke
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Smith, S. Behm, A. Thomas
Lector	T. Cianciolo
Sacristan	J. Taylor

### Sunday, December 22 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Hess, C. Pannapara
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Lauer, J. Iames, E. Sheridan
Lector	V. Pannapara
Sacristan	T. Pannapara

# ST. TERESA

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

### Sunday, December 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	J. Kuether
Extraordinary Minister	Volunteer
Lector	Volunteer
Ushers	T. Kuether, Volunteer

### Sunday, December 22 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server	R. Vanderhorst
Extraordinary Minister	E. Vanderhorst
Lector	E. Vanderhorst
Ushers	K. Rindler, A. Moore

## ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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

## THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for the love and support shown by our St. Teresa Family over the loss of Asa. Special thanks go to the wonderful ladies who coordinated and prepared food for the meal after the services. Thank you all for your prayers!  
Justin, Jackie & Philip Swabb

## HOLIDAY DIAPER DRIVE

The Covington Students for Life Club is sponsoring a Holiday Diaper Drive this month. They are collecting diapers to donate to local pro-life pregnancy resource centers. A donation box has been placed at the church entrance. Please help support this important effort!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. We are accepting applications to the Catholic Church's largest fraternal organization. For a limited time, you can become a full 3rd-degree Knight in 30 minutes – and the first year membership is waived! If interested, call Joe Speer at 937-216-6768.



## 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, enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season!

# TRANSFIGURATION

## TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Melinda Wanat	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
Welcome Committee	Donna Mergler	937-760-1389

## 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.



## 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. 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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

### Saturday, December 21 – 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	G. Steele, C. Crabtree, B. Denlinger

### Sunday, December 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Williams, D. Kramer, R. Gallegos
Lector	S. Schaurer
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Craport, R. Gallegos, J. Stutz

### Sunday, December 22 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	G. Moore, J. Moore
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Fisher, M. Olenchuk, M. Hummel
Lectors	C. August, M. Schubert
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
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