



NOVEMBER

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2025

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES ACCOMPANIES PEOPLE IN BECOMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

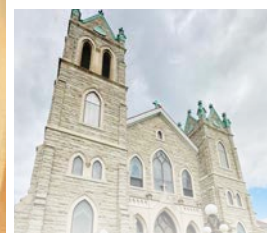
PASTOR: Fr. Eric Bowman | **VICARS:** Fr. Isaiah Callan, Fr. Steven Shoup
SUNDAY ASSOCIATE: Fr. Joseph Kozar | **DEACONS:** John Carlin, Jim Niswonger



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)
 310 S. Downing St. Piqua 45356
 937-773-1656 | piquaparishes.org
 M-Th, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 F, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



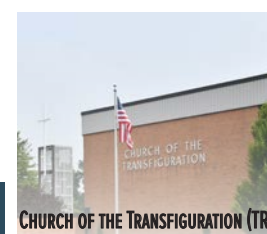
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)
 528 Broadway St. Piqua 45356
 937-773-1327 | piquaparishes.org
 M-Th, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 F, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)
 409 E. Main St. Troy 45373
 937-335-2833 | stpatricktroy.org
 M-Th, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)
 6925 W. US Rt. 36 Covington 45318
 937-473-2970 | stteresacovington.org
 Hours by Appointment



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)
 972 S. Miami St. West Milton 45383
 937-698-4520
 transfigurationcatholicchurch.org
 M-F, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

	Vigil	Sunday
SB	3:30 PM	11:00 AM
SM	5:00 PM	9:15 AM
SP	5:00 PM	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM
ST		7:30 AM
TR		7:30 AM 10:00 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	SB	11:15-11:45 AM
Tuesday	ST	4:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday	SP	6:00-6:45 PM
Thursday	TR	6:00-6:45 PM
Saturday	SM	9:15-9:45 AM
Saturday	SP	4:00-4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SP	Wednesday	8:30 AM-7:00 PM	St. Clare Adoration Chapel – Located behind St. Boniface Saturday, 6:00 AM-Friday, 12:00 AM; Friday, 4:00 AM-9:00 PM
TR	Thursday	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	

Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes (OLF)! If you are visiting or new to the area, we are a faith-filled Catholic community that is comprised of five Roman Catholic churches, two Catholic schools and a beautiful spiritual center within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (NW-6 region). We accompany people in becoming disciples of Christ.

On behalf of pastor Fr. Eric Bowman, our clergy, staff and parishioners, you are invited to grow in your faith and even closer to Jesus along with us. Resources, ways to become involved and times and places of worship can be found within the bulletin and by utilizing the contact list toward the back section. To register for a church, please contact the church office manager. If you are interested in learning more about the faith, please contact a priest, the religious education department or me. Follow "Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes – Ohio" on Facebook to connect even more.

Natalie Pohls

Executive Director of Pastoral Services

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE!

PARISHIONER CONTACT INFO

Be sure to keep your address, phone number and email up-to-date with your registered church, so you don't miss important things.

BAPTISM – *Congrats, New Parents!*

Class is required, by appointment. Prior to Baptizing your child, register for your required Baptism Class: pcartwright@stpattroy.org | 937-335-2833. OLF Baptism Classes are held at St. Patrick Parish Center (white building behind the school), upstairs Room 3.

MATRIMONY

Schedule at least nine months in advance. Preparation program and parish registration is required.

ANOIDTING 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.

RESOURCES

CHECK OUT FORMED!

If you are looking for good, wholesome 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 Family of Parishes. Please take advantage of it! Visit stpattroy.formed.org. Simply enter "St. Patrick, Troy, OH," your name and email. Everyone can use it!

FIND THE WEEKEND MASS & PRIEST SCHEDULE ON OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCHES' WEBSITES, (OR SIMPLY SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA APP/BUTTON TO TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE LINK.)



BULLETIN

Find the BULLETIN SUBMISSION link on any of Our Lady of Fatima's church websites! There's an easy-to-use link to submit bulletin content, due two Thursdays prior. The link is the only method to submit, and it ensures consistency in the content collected and proper preparation time prior to the printing process. If you have a question, please call 937-698-4520. Scan the QR code:



Except for the advertising pages on the back (that are managed and maintained by Dee Printing), the **OLF bulletin is the same at each of the five churches.**

There is an "EXTRA" page of bonus content on the Transfiguration and St. Teresa editions, since there are fewer advertisers in those smaller cities. It's advertisers' choice if they opt to purchase advertising space from multiple cities. Thank you to our community advertisers! We are glad to patronize your businesses. Troy and Piqua parishioners can peek at the "EXTRA" last page by visiting www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Connecting you & your family to Volunteer Opportunities within OLF

CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE TO LEND A HAND!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Liturgical Ministers:

Sacristans | Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors

Bereavement Team Member: Share your time and compassion with a family who is planning a loved one's funeral.

K-6 CCD Aides

Nativity Scene & Christmas Open House Assistants:

Lange Estate (December 4)

Children's Choir Members:

(Troy/Piqua, 3rd-8th Grades)

Choir Members:

(Troy/Piqua, especially Altos)

Youth Ministry Core Team Member

TRANSFIGURATION

Adorers for Thursday Adoration

ST. PATRICK

Day-of Wedding Facilitators, Sunday Collection Counters

ST. MARY

2026 St. Mary Festival Volunteers, Day-of Wedding Facilitator

ST. TERESA

Sacristan, Ushers, Servers

ST. BONIFACE

Day-of Wedding Facilitator

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Tim Heitkamp	<i>Is 4:2-6</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Majorie Hoffmann	<i>Mt 8:5-11</i>
12:10 p.m.	St. Mary	†Robert Wilson	
7:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	Charismatic Healing Mass	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Alfrieda Francis	<i>Is 11:1-10</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Nancy Donnelly	<i>Lk 10:21-24</i>
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	†Lori Bradley	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Deacon Michael Knight	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	† Purgatorian Mass – Carlos Giraldo	<i>Is 25:6-10a</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Mary Kay Schneider	<i>Mt 15:29-37</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4			
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Jeff Hartke	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Eva Dexter	<i>Is 26:1-6</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Fr. Angelo C. Caserta	<i>Mt 7:21, 24-27</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†AJ Holter	<i>Is 29:17-24</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Ruby Monnier	<i>Mt 9:27-31</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Bob Mikolajewski	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6			
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Irene Vavroch	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
3:30 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Kris Reed	<i>Is 30:19-21, 23-26</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Living & Deceased of OLF	<i>Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Dorothy DeBlase	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7			
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Our Lady of Fatima Parish Priests & Deacons	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Nick Deeter	<i>Is 11:1-10</i>
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Purgatorian Mass	<i>Rom 15:4-9</i>
		Bud & Jean Meyer	<i>Mt 3:1-12</i>
		Roxanna Meyer	
		Connie Cain	
9:15 a.m.	St. Mary \$	†Sue Anthony	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Marcy Hare	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Clete & Pat McEldowney	
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	†Herbert Brussell	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Gene Gretch	

\$ = Second Collection \$ **SM, SB Outreach** † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass

All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

St. Boniface Masses moved to St. Mary until further notice.

REMINDER:

All Masses are moved from St. Boniface to St. Mary in Piqua due to the broken boiler until further notice. Mass and Confession times remain the same.

CHRIST IN THE WOMB

Week 37 – We are now in the month that Jesus will be born! Today, He is getting acquainted with a new sensation. His mother has been riding a donkey all day, and its steady rocking motion keeps lulling Him back to sleep. Then, a jolt will occasionally wake Him back up. *Jesus of the womb, hear our prayers!*



OLF CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

December 1

St. Teresa, Covington | 7:30 PM

If Mass should need to cancel, attempts to hang a sign on the church door and/or to post the cancelation on the Our Lady of Fatima Facebook page will be made.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

DECEMBER 2025 – *For Christians in areas of conflict*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Our Father / Hail Mary / Glory Be

FR. ERIC BOWMAN RAMBLINGS



With the Season of Advent upon us, a talk from Pope St. John Paul II that he made on Sunday, December 2, 2001, is on my heart to share with you:

"Dearest Brothers and Sisters!

1. With today's first Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Church takes up her journey again and invites us to reflect more intensely on the mystery of Christ, a mystery that is always new and that time cannot exhaust. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Thanks to Him, the history of humanity proceeds as a pilgrimage toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom which He inaugurated with His Incarnation and victory over sin and death.

For this reason, Advent is synonymous with hope – not the vain waiting for a faceless god – but concrete and certain trust in the return of Him who has already visited us, of the 'Spouse' who with His blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant. It is a hope that stimulates vigilance, the characteristic virtue of this special liturgical season. Vigilance in *prayer*, fostered by a loving expectation; vigilance in the dynamics of *concrete charity*, aware that the Kingdom of God comes close whenever men learn to live as brothers.

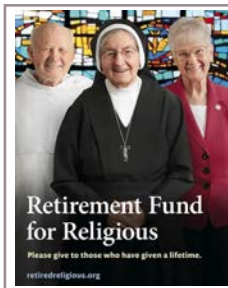
2. The Christian community begins Advent with these resolutions, keeping the spirit vigilant, the better to receive the message of the Word of God. In today's liturgy, we hear the famous and wonderful *oracle of the Prophet Isaiah*, spoken at a time of crisis in the history of Israel. 'In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it;... they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.' (cf. Isaiah 2,1-5)

These words contain a promise of peace that is more urgent than ever for humanity and, in particular, for the Holy Land, from where even today, unfortunately, sad and worrying news reaches us. May the words of the Prophet Isaiah inspire the minds and hearts of believers and of all men and women of good will, so that the day of fasting on 14 December and the meeting in Assisi of the representatives of the world religions next 24 January will help to create a more serene and solidary climate in the world.

3. I entrust this invocation for peace to Mary, vigilant Virgin and Mother of Hope. In a few days, with renewed faith we will celebrate the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. May she guide us on the way, helping every human person and nation to look to the 'mountain of the Lord,' an image of the final triumph of Christ and the advent of His Kingdom of peace."



Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes staff and clergy wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a beautiful start to the Advent season!



Retirement Fund for Religious collection will take place the weekend of December 14, 2025. Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your support. After decades spent serving others – often for little or no pay – many religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. Today, more than 20,500 elderly religious rely on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover rising health-care costs, medications and daily living expenses. Your generosity helps ensure they receive the care and dignity they deserve.

EMAIL SCAM

ALERT

Please don't be fooled by email scam attempts under the subject of "Our Lady of Fatima..." or from any of our priests' names. Our priests will not commonly ask for money, funds or gift cards via electronic communication.

2025 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

a Holy Day of obligation

	ST. BONIFACE 310 S. Downing St. Piqua, OH	ST. MARY 528 Broadway St. Piqua, OH	ST. TERESA 6925 W. US 36 Covington, OH	ST. PATRICK 409 E. Main St. Troy, OH	TRANSFIGURATION 972 S. Miami St. West Milton, OH
Monday, 12/8/25	7:00 AM			Fr. Isaiah Callan no music	
	8:30 AM	Fr. Eric Bowman with Piqua Catholic School		Fr. Isaiah Callan with St. Patrick Catholic School	Fr. Steve Shoup
	12:10 PM	Fr. Eric Bowman no music			
	7:00 PM	Fr. Steve Shoup	Fr. Jim Duell	Fr. Isaiah Callan Incense, Candlelight	

OLF MINISTRIES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARENT CONFIRMATION REMINDER:
SACRAMENTAL INFO SHEET & SPONSOR'S
FORM SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY NOW.
STUDENT'S SAINT SELECTION ESSAY IS
DUE DECEMBER 17!

BIBLES & YOCATS FOR OUR STUDENTS

Help give the gift of His Word, by generously making a donation for Bibles and YouCats (youth-friendly Catechism resource) to support this year's Our Lady of Fatima's need of 80 Bibles and YouCats for CCD AND Catholic school students. Thank you for supporting this educational gift! Mark an envelope "Bible Donation" and place in the offertory basket or church office.

OLF MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC LOVE IN ACTION



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

2025 OLF HOLIDAY OUTREACH

CANNED FOODS

"Helping Hands" | Transfiguration

Collection goal: 100 boxes of cereal & 100 dish soaps!

Place items in the container located in the vestibule.

Return by December 16!

Bethany Center | St. Boniface & St. Mary

Return non perishable food and paper products to St. Mary,

entrance nearest the prayer candle table.

Throughout November & December

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Coats/Winter Gear | St. Patrick Catholic School

The Empowering Children with Hope & Opportunity (ECHO) counselor collects hats and gloves to deliver to

Partners in Hope and the St. Pat's Soup Kitchen.

Return by December 19.

Coat Donations | Lehman Catholic

Due Tuesday, November 24

Coats will be donated to Catholic Social Services for their distribution

Toy Drive | Lehman Catholic

Due Wednesday, December 17

Toys will be delivered to Wilson Health Emergency Dept. for children in the waiting and/or examination room.

"Burr Bags" | Lehman Catholic

Filling sling sacks with mittens, gloves, hats, and more to have delivered to the Bethany Center

GIVING TREES

All Five OLF Church Communities!

See the details in the special Giving Tree bulletin section!



COATS/WINTER GEAR

Miami Right to Life | St. Patrick & OLF Community

Fall and Winter clothing, ages 3-4, and other young children's clothing. Return to the black box on the west side

of the Right to Life building: 305 E. Main Street, Troy.

Or, call (937) 726-7299.

TOYS & GIFTS

Partner in Hope Christmas Shop

Collection at St. Patrick & Transfiguration!

Toy donations & items for teens are needed in the blue

barrels found in the church vestibules.

Volunteers requested:

Sorting December 9-12 & Shop Day December 13

GIVING TREES

In this Season of Advent, Giving Trees at Our Lady of Fatima's five churches have been thoughtfully and creatively made available. Let's show our Catholic love in action so that our parishioners can bless our area's underprivileged people and nonprofit groups who serve the poor and homebound.

Info subject to change as it's learned.

St. Boniface Catholic Church 📦 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Sponsored by Parish Family Life

Purchase and wrap a gift. Attach tag to package. Mission Group special-project donation envelopes are provided to return in the box at church.

Call the Piqua parishes' office with questions at 937-773-1656.

St. Mary Catholic Church 📦 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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 office at 937-773-1327 with questions.

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus 📦 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Gifts support the Covington Outreach Association's (COA) "Children's Christmas Angel" program in partnership with most churches in Covington.

Gifts go to the children of Covington.

St. Patrick Catholic Church 📦 RETURN BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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.

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 made payable to "Miami County Right to Life," or, those for St. Bonaventure should be made to "Transfiguration." Learn about St. Bonaventure by searching the web for: *St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School, Thoreau, New Mexico.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

PHILIA YOUNG ADULT

PHILIA is Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' young adult ministry for people ages 18 (post-high school) to 40. Named after the Greek word for brotherly love, this new and growing ministry will provide community and faith-based programming for young people in our region. Share this opportunity with a young person in your life! Follow PHILIA on Instagram [@fatimafamily_ya](https://www.instagram.com/fatimafamily_ya).

December 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Candlelight Mass

St. Patrick | Reception to follow

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEXT YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS:

Bosco (7th/8th Grades)/High School Youth Group

6:30-8:00 p.m. | Transfig Youth Building

Dinner Provided!

December 7 & 14

Junior High & High School Youth Groups have been learning about mission and service work! They assisted in organizing historic church documents and photos to beautify a common space and are writing beautiful prayers to gift to those who will be shut in or in a nursing home during this upcoming holiday season! With more than 40 teens from our five churches each Sunday, there is plenty of fellowship and fun to be had! All students Grades 7-12 are invited! Special thanks to our parents and parishioners for supplying funds and food and helping hands while our students "break bread" together at our dinners. And we are blessed by the growing young adult Core Team who helps lead.

The REMIND App made a security update – Be sure to download the app in order to see OLF Youth Ministry updates, notifications and announcements.



DOWNLOAD THE REMIND APP TO GET QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

ENTER THIS CODE TO JOIN:

@ba389ek

BOSCO - JUNIOR HIGH GROUP (INCLUDES CONFIRMATION REMINDERS)

ENTER THIS CODE TO JOIN:

@39fkhh

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

ENTER THIS CODE TO JOIN:

@74bgg6

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) & BOSCO GROUP (7/8TH)

Friends welcome! Dinner provided!

SUNDAY YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS
972 S. Miami St., West Milton
Parent/Teen carpool encouraged!
tinyurl.com/OLF-Youth-Ministry



OLF CURRENT EVENTS

GriefShare® 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you for being part of our GriefShare 20th Anniversary gathering at St. Patrick. It was a blessing for guests to share memories, encouragement and celebration and was a beautiful sense of community. Thank you to Joyce Croft, Pat Smith, Diane Walker and Annette Mann for walking with people when it first began, for sharing testimonies, and for proposing GriefShare to Fr. Jim, then-pastor, at St. Patrick 20 years ago! Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes is fortunate to have this resource available and thank you to all of the volunteers and facilitators for the love, care and strength you bring to its programming. More information about future sessions is coming soon.



PIQUA NEWSLETTER

Please submit news for the winter issue (January, February, March) of the Piqua Parishes' Newsletter by Monday, December 8. All parish members and groups are encouraged to contribute. You may share recaps of recent activities or promote upcoming events. News items, including photos, can be emailed to jnrhemm@yahoo.com, phoned in at 937-778-8642, or dropped off at either parish office.

\$10-a-Month Club 2026 Membership Enrollment Form

*Your enrollment as an \$10-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 | 2026 Membership Dinner | December 5, 2026

MEMBER INFO *Yes! Please enroll/renew my membership into the 2026 \$10-a-Month Club!*

First Name Last Name Spouse First Spouse Last

Combined Name as preferred for print, Ex: "Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith" or "Jerry and Sue Jones"

Mailing Address City ST ZIP

e-mail Phone ☐ Cell ☐ Home

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT PREFERENCE

- ☐ \$120 Annual/payment enclosed now.
☐ \$60 Semi-Annual/payment now AND by June 1, 2026.
☐ \$10 Monthly/payment now AND by first Sunday of every month.

\$_____ I/we would like to make this additional gift in support of Religious Education, more than or instead of membership.

\$_____ Total Amount Enclosed ☐ Check #

Please make check payable to "St. Mary Catholic Church" with memo: "\$10-a-Month" or "Religious Ed"
Submit payment(s) into the collection basket at Mass, or mail to: St. Boniface & St. Mary Church Offices
310 S. Downing St.
Piqua, OH 45356

Thank You for Your Generosity!

*The Club monthly fee is subject to change in future years to offset rising material costs.



2025 Christmas Flower Tributes

Our Lady of Fatima's churches will be decorated beautifully with seasonal flowers for Christmas thanks to our parishioners who make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one. Thank you!

TRIBUTE FORMS WILL BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCHES & IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!

- ★ Be sure to print names clearly, and mark your envelope/gift "Christmas Flowers."
- ★ Return it promptly to the collection basket/Church Office by Sunday, December 14 to be included in the bulletin memorial listing.
- ★ If funds exceed flower expenses they will be allocated for the church it's intended.
- ★ If you make a gift online through a church website, be sure to contact the Church Office Manager to let her know that your submitted gift is restricted for "Christmas Flowers."

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE CHURCH IT PERTAINS TO: St. Boniface* | St. Mary | St. Patrick | St. Teresa | Transfiguration

*The goal is that Masses will return in time for Christmas at St. Boniface!



Commemorative 75th Anniversary Gift
CHRISTMAS SALE!

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

2025
75TH ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 7 & 14 | AFTER ALL WEEKEND TRANSFIGURATION MASSES
PICK UP WHAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY ORDERED
OR PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE GIFT AFTER MASS OR AT THE OFFICE!

ST. CLARA LADIES

Thursday, December 4 | 6 PM | 3 Joes

All ladies are welcome! We hope to see you there!
Please RSVP to Bonne (937) 214-9092.

OLF CURRENT EVENTS



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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Monthly Raffle

THIS WEEKEND!
after all regularly-scheduled
Our Lady of Fatima Masses

Remember to keep your ticket until you
check the winning numbers!



SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY
ST. PATRICK UNDERCROFT
DECEMBER 5, 6-7 PM
Cookies, crafts, caroling and a visit from
Saint Nicholas!



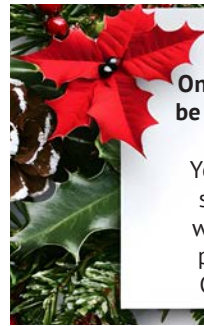
Knights of
Columbus

Advent
PRIEST TALKS

ST. JOSEPH, THE FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS CHARACTER
by Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor
7-8 PM

Thursday, 12/11 | St. Patrick Undercroft
Wednesday, 12/17 | Piqua Catholic
North Street Cafeteria

Our Lady of Fatima
FAMILY OF PARISHES



Shepherds of Christ Ministries
A WORKSHOP INITIATIVE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

On Sunday, November 30, Holiday Home Decorations will
be sold after the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Transfiguration
Masses to benefit Shepherds of Christ Ministries.

Your purchase helps Shepherds of Christ print and mail
spiritual materials to priests and religious around the
world. Your support also sustains perpetual Adoration,
prayers for all priests and the spiritual renewal of the
Church and the world. Thank you for your generosity.

A VISIT WITH ST. NICK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

AFTER 9:15 AM & 11 AM MASS | ST. MARY VESTIBULE

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO VISIT AND RECEIVE A GIFT
FROM ST. NICK FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT!

Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation and
St. Boniface & St. Mary Family Life committees



29TH ANNUAL
ST. BONIFACE QUILT RAFFLE



FIVE CHANCES TO WIN!
Tickets: \$1 Each or 6/\$5
Return raffle tickets to the Piqua parishes' office,
preferably by 12/22/25.

QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING @ BINGO, MONDAY, 12/29/25!

Tickets are in St. Mary.
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Contact: Ken Vendryes | marylane1508@gmail.com



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NEWLY BAPTIZED *Congratulations to:*

None

RECENTLY DECEASED *Please pray for the repose of the soul of:*

George E. Mitchell (SP)

William Walter Latino (TR)

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Saturday, December 6 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	R. Henry, D. Johnston, D. Johnston
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Daniel, K. Henne, J. Herbe, L. Ventura, T. Burnside
Lectors	B. Brush, K. Cool
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp

Sunday, December 7 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Johns, K. Johns, J. Knapke
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Earhart, C. Garman, Sister Mary Alice, Volunteer
Lectors	C. Murray, B. Murray
Sacristan	ME Buechter
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

ST. MARY

Saturday, December 6 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Kemmer, M. Osborne, M. Peterson
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Karn, A. Karn, M. Karn, B. Kiefer
Lectors	M. Epperly, A. Epperly
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Sunday, December 7 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	H. Kreitzer, K. Petty, D. Richard
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Koon, K. Lee, A. Manson, E. Merrifield
Lectors	M. Galbreath, G. Fulks
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ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	E. Clark, Volunteers
Lector	D. Otte
Ushers	A. Otte, J. Walter

ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 6 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	W. Rippey, N. Rocke
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Clark, S. Clark, A. McDonough
Lector	S. Knight
Sacristan	K. Shanesy

Sunday, December 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Kelleher, W. Kelleher
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Groff, Dcn. John, B. Groff
Lector	K. Kremer
Sacristan	S. Carlin

Sunday, December 7 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Andrejcio, M. Ratermann, T. Ratermann
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Cartwright, J. Miller, B. Purpus, S. Behm, T. Muir
Lector	A. Andrejcio
Sacristan	P. Cartwright

Sunday, December 7 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Baumann, S. Goubeaux
Extraordinary Ministers	MB Rindler, J. Iames, H. Spaide
Lector	K. Miller
Sacristan	E. Sheridan

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, December 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Desch, D. Boeckman
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Dzendzel, V. Daum, Volunteer
Lector	G. Mergler
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	A. Brown, D. Brown, W. Beaver, J. Cetnar

Sunday, December 7 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Schubert, L. McCartan, B. Karch
Lectors	Michael & Maria Olenchuk
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
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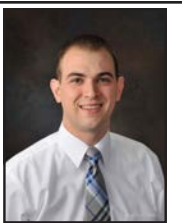
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