



DECEMBER

14
2025

3RD 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



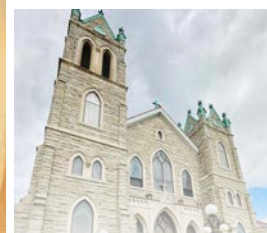
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)

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.



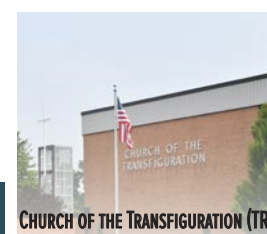
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)

409 E. Main St. Troy 45373
 937-335-2833 | stpatrick.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 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.

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 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.

ANOIDING 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

In order to serve as a 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, 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 our five churches. 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.**

There is an "EXTRA" page of content in the Transfiguration and St. Teresa editions, since there are fewer advertisers in those smaller cities. 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

Troy/Piqua Choir Members

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

Our Lady of Fatima offices will be closed to celebrate the Christmas season Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 as well as Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration *St. Mary	†George Mitchell Living & Deceased of the Paxton Family †Don Gordon	<i>Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a</i> <i>Mt 21:23-27</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16			
7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick *St. Mary Transfiguration	†Living & Deceased of Henry Lefevre Family †Courtney Kinnett †Lori Albright	<i>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13</i> <i>Mt 21:28-32</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	†Carol Scott †Purgatorian Mass †Richard Barhorst	<i>Gn 49:2, 8-10</i> <i>Mt 1:1-17</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18			
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick *St. Mary	†Clete & Pat McDowney †Living & Deceased of Mark Chapman Family – 23 †Debra Wehner	<i>Jer 23:5-8</i> <i>Mt 1:18-25</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	Poor Souls of Purgatory †Dr. Donald & Mary T. Lintner †Mike Mertz	<i>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a</i> <i>Lk 1:5-25</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20			
8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary *St. Mary \$ St. Patrick St. Mary \$	†Sekas Family †Evelyn Gaier †Tony & Rose Nagel †Rosemary Gutmann	<i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Lk 1:26-38</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21			
7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Teresa St. Mary \$ St. Patrick Transfiguration *St. Mary \$ St. Patrick	†Ray Guillozet †Al Bellomy †Barbara Hindmarch †Thomas & Margaret Dwyer †Ashley Plumb Al Kertesz Living & Deceased of OLF †Stan Bender	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Rom 1:1-7</i> <i>Mt 1:18-24</i>

\$ = Second Collection \$ SM Help-A-Student; \$ SB Maintenance † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

*** Subject to change from time of print, depending on HVAC replacement progress at St. Boniface.**
See Announcements at piquaparishes.org and Facebook.

- SPECIAL RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT -



"On behalf of the clergy, staff and volunteers of St. Mary and Our Lady of Fatima, I would like to offer my deepest and most heartfelt thank you to Linda Richard for her 24-plus years of service to St. Mary Catholic Church and to our family of parishes! Her professionalism, coupled with her joyful heart, greeted every guest to St. Mary with warmth. Linda's support for the many pastors she has worked for is so very commendable. I am so grateful for the love and support she has given me over the past four years. We will deeply miss her smile, laugh and joyful spirit in the office every day. Thank you, Linda."

Linda will retire from St. Mary Catholic Church officially on January 1, 2026. Stay tuned for more information and an invitation to come celebrate her service and retirement!

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER POSITION OPEN!

Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes is looking for a detail-oriented and accurate individual to provide bookkeeping functions for two of our parishes, working from the Piqua office. The position is expected to be approximately 10-15 hours per week with some flexibility in work days. If interested, please email a resume and two references to HR@fatima-family.org.

FR. ERIC BOWMAN RAMBLINGS

Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

Each liturgical year, we should be growing closer to Jesus. Are we? Am I closer to Jesus than I was last Advent? Will I try to be closer to Him this Christmas? Today, Gaudete Sunday, tells me that this is possible. "Rejoice! The Lord is near ..." But will I let Him come near me? Will I let Him into my life and heart? It's easy to keep Him at a safe distance. However, if He is at a distance, then our joy is less. The closer we let Him come to us, the more joyful we will be. The pain sometimes involved in giving up our sins fades before the greater joy of His closeness. No wonder the great Advent prayer is "Come, Lord Jesus!"

We rejoice because the Lord is near (today's Introit). Saint John of the Cross tells us that "Joy is not the absence of suffering but the presence of God." It is the presence of God that brings us joy, even in hard times. And joy, Chesterton notes, "Is the gigantic secret of the Christian." Joy comes from God. It comes from knowing He is near, knowing that He sees all things and knows all things and can do all things—and that He loves me.

The more we have Christ, the more joyful we will be. What keeps me from Christ and from joy are my sins. Saint John the Baptist calls us to repent, to give up our sins. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes them away. The Baptist prepares the way. Jesus is "the One who is to come." There is no other. No one else is coming. Welcome Jesus, and you will find great joy. Ask Him to come closer and to live His life in you. Come Lord Jesus! He is already at hand. Gaudete!



Retirement Fund for Religious collection is this weekend, December 14, 2025. They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Your generosity is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

Christmas 2025						
CHURCH	EVE WED, 12/24	EVE WED, 12/24	DAY THURS, 12/25	DAY THURS, 12/25	NEW YEAR'S EVE* 12/31	NEW YEAR'S DAY* 1/1/26
TRANSFIGURATION West Milton		5 PM Fr. John MacQuarrie		9 AM Fr. Steve	5 PM Fr. Steve	10 AM Fr. Steve
ST. PATRICK Troy	3 PM Fr. Callan	5 PM Fr. Joe Kozar	Midnight Fr. Callan	10 AM Fr. Callan	5 PM Fr. Callan	11 AM Fr. Callan
ST. MARY Piqua	6 PM Fr. Eric	10 PM Fr. Eric		8 AM Fr. Eric		10 AM Fr. Eric
ST. BONIFACE Piqua		4 PM Fr. Steve		10 AM Fr. Eric	4 PM Fr. Eric	
ST. TERESA Covington		4 PM Fr. Jim		9 AM Fr. Jim	4 PM Fr. Jim	9 AM Fr. Jim

*NEW YEAR'S IS
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



CHRIST IN THE WOMB

Week 39 – Today, Jesus weighs seven pounds, 13 ounces. He is full of wrinkles, blotches and dry spots on his skin, but He is beautiful beyond all reckoning. He is getting some much needed rest for later this week.
Jesus of the womb, hear our prayers!

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE FAITHFUL

St. Boniface Heat Update 11.25.25

Highlights



- Research has determined that failed boiler should not be replaced; forced-air system will be installed. Forced-air will replace heat/aged air conditioning condensers, will be less to maintain and fewer monthly energy expenses.
- Roberts Brothers Comfort was contracted to do the replacement. Goal will be completion before Christmas!
- St. Clare Adoration Chapel currently has heat. Masses and Giving Tree continue to be at St. Mary.
- First payment borrowed from and depleted much of St. Boniface's savings. Give now to impact St. Boniface capital needs and maintenance.
- Refer to the piquaparishes.org and official Facebook page for accurate info/updates.

Thank you!

Our Lady of Fatima
FAMILY OF PARISHES

This year-end tithing 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.

As you make giving considerations – for St. Boniface, St. Patrick, St. Teresa, St. Mary, Transfiguration, our schools, or other charitable entities – here are a few reminders.

This is for your information purposes only and not a replacement for tax advice.

Consult with your tax, legal, financial or accounting professional.

OPTIONS/BENEFITS IN GIVING TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION:

1. A cash contribution can reduce your gross taxable income by claiming a charitable deduction of \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly. For those who itemize deductions, a 35% deduction on the amount donated to a charitable organization can be claimed.
2. Stockholders can make a gift to a charitable entity and potentially avoid capital gains tax by being able to deduct the full value of the appreciated securities donated.

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)? A QCD allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate directly from specific retirement accounts to qualified charities without recognizing the distribution as taxable income. Such distributions can help you manage your required minimum distributions (RMDs). Additionally, the SECURE Act 2.0 changed the age of RMDs to 73.

REQUIREMENTS – You must be at least 70½ years old to qualify for a QCD. The distribution can be made from an IRA. You can use SEP IRAs or SIMPLE IRAs so long as they are inactive, meaning that you've made no contributions to the account in the year the QCD is taken. Keep in mind that 401(k)s and other non-IRA retirement vehicles do not qualify for QCDs. Once you reach age 73, you must begin taking RMDs from a traditional IRA, SEP IRA or SIMPLE IRA in most circumstances. Withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxed as ordinary income and, if taken before age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. To qualify for the tax and penalty-free withdrawal of earnings, Roth IRA distributions must meet a five-year holding requirement and occur after age 59½. Tax-free and penalty-free withdrawals can also be taken under certain other circumstances, such as the owner's death. The original Roth IRA owner is not required to take minimum annual withdrawals.

LIMITS AND ADJUSTMENTS – The maximum annual limit for QCDs is currently set at \$108,000 for 2025, an amount that adjusts for inflation yearly. Therefore, staying updated on the annual cap is important, as it can influence your donation strategy.

FINANCIAL PROS AND CONS – In addition to helping you support a charity, a QCD may also offer to help you manage your tax situation. IRA withdrawals are generally taxable, but QCDs are excluded from taxable income, meaning they don't increase your adjusted gross income (AGI). For some, this may be an opportunity to consider when balancing supporting a charitable organization and managing taxes. Additionally, QCDs may enable you to satisfy your RMD requirements. You also benefit from the fact that you might not need to itemize deductions to take advantage of a QCD, allowing you to use the standard deduction.

CHARITY RMD CONSIDERATIONS – QCDs are versatile in that there is no restriction on the number of charities you can support, provided they qualify under IRS guidelines. However, the donation must go directly from your IRA to the charity to be a QCD. Gifts made as QCDs can fulfill all or part of your annual RMD requirement. It's worth noting that if you donate over your RMD amount, the excess cannot be rolled over to the following year's RMD.

FINAL KEY DETAILS – It's prudent to confirm the status of your chosen charity through the IRS online search tool or by consulting with a professional who can speak to the organization's tax status. If you withdraw and then donate the funds, it does not count as a QCD and becomes taxable. Each state may have specific rules impacting how QCDs are treated. Check with a tax professional about state-specific regulations. IRS.gov, 202

OLF MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 7-12! Youth Ministry Night – Sunday, December 14

Bosco (7th/8th Grades)/High School Youth Group
6:30-8:00 p.m. | Transfig Youth Building
Christmas Fun & Dinner Provided
December 21-28 – Christmas Break

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!**

BOSCO - JUNIOR HIGH GROUP
(INCLUDES CONFIRMATION REMINDERS)
**ENTER THIS CODE
TO JOIN:**
@39fkhh

7/8TH GRADE CCD
**ENTER THIS CODE
TO JOIN:**
@74bgg6



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
**ENTER THIS CODE
TO JOIN:**
@ba389ek



SAVE-THE-DATE:

Friday, January 9, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Movie & PJ Night | St. Patrick Parish Center

**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



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 – SEE YOUR EMAIL.**

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

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.

GIVING TREES

All Five OLF Church Communities!
See the details in the special Giving Tree bulletin section!

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.

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



Share Your Catholic
LOVE IN ACTION

GIVING TREES Share your blessings with those in need by giving joy this coming Christmas. Info subject to change as it's learned.

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 320 local individuals who will be blessed by our parishioners this Christmas from Partners in Hope, Right to Life and shut-ins. Contact Kate at klin@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.

OLF CURRENT EVENTS



HOLY LEAGUE
Supernatural Strength & Unity
A parish-based alliance of men, striving for supernatural strength and brotherhood.



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

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 20**

Where: **Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal
3505 Calumet Rd. | Ludlow Falls, OH 45339**



One Hour - One Purpose - God's Children

TUESDAYS | 6-7 PM

St. Boniface Catholic Church
310 S. Downing St., Piqua

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for God's children to faithfully return to the Catholic Church.



The one-hour of prayer includes meditation, a scripture reading, hymns and the Rosary. You are invited to participate in this powerful and quiet prayer group according to your availability.

Susan (937) 214-0579, Donna (937) 615-4538, Cindy (937) 541-9533

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Monday, December 15 | Starts at Noon

Lighthouse at the Locks

Join us for lunch and a business meeting!

Hope to see you there!



Dynamic Catholic

Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

On behalf of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes and in thanks to a gift from Dynamic Catholic, we are able to provide our parishioners with an Advent/Christmas gift. See a book in the back of our churches!

*First-come, first-served,
one per household please.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

SIPS & SAINTHOOD

NO SIPS AND SAINTHOOD THIS MONTH!

SEE YOU IN JANUARY!

*St Teresa's Christmas decorating
will be on Sunday, December 21
after 7:30 a.m. Mass.
All are welcome and any
help is greatly appreciated!*

2025 Christmas Flower Tributes

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

TRIBUTE FORMS MAY BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCHES!

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
& Christmas flowers will remain in place throughout the liturgical season!*

Commemorative 75th Anniversary Gift

CHRISTMAS SALE!



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

2025

75TH ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 14 | AFTER ALL WEEKEND TRANSFIGURATION MASSES

PICK UP WHAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY ORDERED
OR PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE GIFT AFTER MASS OR AT THE OFFICE!



A New Organ for St. Mary!

Our Lady of Fatima's Music & Liturgy team is excited to announce a very special Christmas gift – the installation of a new Allen organ for St. Mary Catholic Church! This state-of-the-art, American-made digital organ will feature two manuals (keyboards), beautiful drawknob style stops, an adjustable bench, and expanded 8-speaker digital audio for greater clarity of sound and realistic pipe voicing. The new organ will replace St. Mary's current "computer organ," which was installed in the mid to late 1970s. At the cutting edge of technology 50 years ago, the current organ has now reached the end of its life-cycle and has been ready to be replaced. Thank you to the current and past parishioners who have contributed to make this possible. A discounted price was available with this timing. Stay "tuned" for installation progress and an invitation to a special organ dedication in January!

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

Advent
PRIEST TALKS

ST. JOSEPH, THE FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS CHARACTER
by Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor

7:00-8:00 PM

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

Non-sequential talks - can be attended consecutively or separately

Our Lady of Fatima
FAMILY OF PARISHES



Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation or divorce's emotional challenges? This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Join the winter 13-week support group on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. from January 15-April 16 - St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Contact Marcelle Toma at 937-478-8820 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

COMING SOON
TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



New Front Steps & Snow-Melt System Replacement

St. Patrick Catholic Church is Still Open!
Use the side doors for liturgical events & Masses.

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO:



See an insert in the bulletin at St. Patrick for an update about the Phase II capital improvement project and Phase II of the capital improvement for the church! It will be made available on the St. Patrick Catholic Church Facebook page, as well. Thank you, Wil-Con, for the hard work on the project that will ensure safer front steps, an ADA compliant front walkway and a new snow-melt system!

SCHOOLS

*St. Patrick Catholic School
& Piqua Catholic School
are Designated Recipients.*

**SELECT THESE SCHOOLS
WHEN MAKING YOUR CHARITABLE
GIVING CONSIDERATIONS.**

SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

You May Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return. **Up to \$750 per donor** (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is a certified SGO.

Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s).

Questions? Want to learn more?
CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
Or email SGO@CatholicAOC.org.



CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
To make your gift online



CATHOLIC
Education Foundation
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Covington | St. Teresa Knights of Columbus Joe Speer, 937-216-6768

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on the fourth Monday of each month.

Piqua Knights of Columbus Dennis DeBrosse, 937-214-7945

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Feel free to join us on Wednesdays during Advent, 5:30-6:30 p.m., when the Knights of Columbus Troy will hold a Holy Hour at St. Patrick.

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NEWLY BAPTIZED *Congratulations to:*

Eden Caeli, daughter of Grant & Erin Orians (SP)

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

None

NEW PARISHIONERS *Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes!*

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CHURCH/SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

Thanks for your support & congrats!

SP Weekly Raffle Winner 12/8

Tom Benanzer

SP Monthly Raffle Winner – November

December Winner Coming Soon!

Piqua \$7-a-Month Club Raffle – December

January Winner Coming Soon!

Piqua Catholic Weekly Raffle 12/8-12

Scott Crones, Diane Penny,

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. BONIFACE *(Masses are moved to St. Mary.)*

Saturday, December 20 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	B. Daniel, M. Kemmer, M. Peterson
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Brush, T. Burnside, K. Henne, K. Warner, J. Herbe
Lectors	R. Webb, T. Sharp
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp

Sunday, December 21 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	N. Bates, A. Evans, E. Hemm
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Peltier, C. Peltier, D. Peltier, J. Peltier
Lectors	B. Carter, ME Buechter
Sacristan	M. McDonald
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

ST. MARY

Saturday, December 20 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	V. Karn, D. Richard, J. Richard
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Mikolajewski, C. Nagengast, C. Oda, Volunteer
Lectors	K. Wendeln, Sister Ginny
Sacristan	B. Elliott
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, R. Foster, Volunteer

Sunday, December 21 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	G. Sherman, H. Sherman, E. Verrill
Extraordinary Ministers	R. O'Leary, D. Stonerock, G. Stonerock, M. Worland
Lectors	J. Terry, T. Anderson
Sacristan	D. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	D. Francony, P. Jenkins, Volunteers

ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	J. Walter, Volunteers
Lector	K. Bartley
Ushers	A. Otte, J. Walter

ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 20 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	T. Behm, N. Rocke
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Clark, Dcn. John, K. Shanesy
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	K. Shanesy

Sunday, December 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	L. Barsotti, Z. Barsotti
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Groff, Dcn. John, R. Groff
Lector	I. Voisard
Sacristan	L. Menker

Sunday, December 21 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Cianciolo, A. Cianciolo, E. Kinsella
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Behm, P. Cartwright, P. Smith, A. Cianciolo, M. Via
Lector	C. Rohlf
Sacristan	P. Cartwright

Sunday, December 21 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	S. Goubeaux, K. Iames
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Purpus, M. Lauer, D. Wolfe
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	J. Iames

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, December 21 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 21 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	L. McCartan, M. Schubert, C. Crabtree
Lectors	C. Serey J. Fisher
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	J. Artin, E. Hummel, R. Winkler, Volunteer



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