



DECEMBER

21
2025

4TH 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



“Behold,

I am the handmaid of the Lord.
 May it be done to me
 according to your word.”

the season of
Advent
 2025



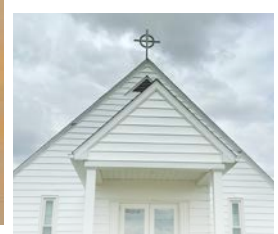
ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)
 310 S. Downing St. Piqua 45356
 937-773-1656 | piquaparishes.org
 M-Th, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 F, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



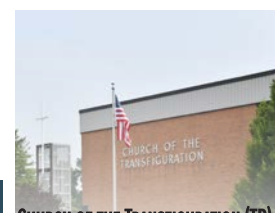
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)
 528 Broadway St. Piqua 45356
 937-773-1327 | piquaparishes.org
 M-Th, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 F, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)
 409 E. Main St. Troy 45373
 937-335-2833 | stpattroy.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 **CONFESSION**

	Vigil	Sunday	Monday	SB	11:15-11:45 AM
SB	3:30 PM	11:00 AM	Tuesday	ST	4:00-5:00 PM
SM	5:00 PM	9:15 AM	Wednesday	SP	6:00-6:45 PM
SP	5:00 PM	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Thursday	TR	6:00-6:45 PM
ST		7:30 AM	Saturday	SM	9:15-9:45 AM
TR		7:30 AM 10:00 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
TR	Thursday	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	

Saturday, 6:00 AM-Friday, 12:00 AM; Friday, 4:00 AM-9:00 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.

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: 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.

FORMED

Find great content and wholesome Catholic programs, movies, books and resources, at "FORMED!" This online resource is a gift to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' parishioners. 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.

COMBINED BULLETIN DECEMBER 28 & JANUARY 4

The Sunday, December 28 bulletin will be the same edition during the January 4 weekend, since there will be limited content during that time frame and so that staff may enjoy time to rest with their loved ones. Liturgical Ministers and the Weekly Mass Intention chart will be included for both weeks. Please only take one copy. If you have announcements or updates to include, please submit them using the bulletin submission link by December 19.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Connecting you & your family to Volunteer Opportunities within OLF

CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE TO LEND A HAND!

ALL OLF CHURCHES

Please sign up for Christmas and New Year's Masses' Liturgical Roles this week!

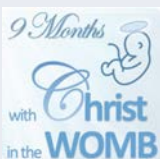
Eucharistic Adoration and Confession will not be held December 24 (SP), December 25 (TR), December 31 (SP), nor January 1 (TR). St. Clare Adoration Chapel remains available for you to be with Jesus in His Most Holy Body, Soul and Divinity.

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 22			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Marsha & Janice Loebbaka	<i>1 Sm 1:24-28</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Clete & Pat McEldowney	<i>Lk 1:46-56</i>
12:10 p.m.	St. Boniface	†Nancy Donnelly	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Alice Pawloski	<i>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	†Larry Francis	<i>Lk 1:57-66</i>
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	John & Anita Ankerman – Anniversary	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24			
3:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Jim Holter	<i>Is 62:1-5</i>
4:00 p.m.	St. Boniface \$	Living & Deceased of the Penny Family	<i>Acts 13:16-17, 22-25</i>
4:00 p.m.	St. Teresa \$	†Connie Cain	<i>Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Bob Jacomet	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration \$	† Purgatorian Mass – Paul Hoening	
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Hannah O'Leary	
10:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Tom Eilerman	
12:00 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†George Mitchell	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>			
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	†Jan Hissong	<i>Is 52:7-10</i>
9:00 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Leighton Ankerman	<i>Heb 1:1-6</i>
9:00 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	†Asa Swabb	<i>Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14</i>
10:00 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Mary Elizabeth Berchtold	
10:00 a.m.	St. Boniface \$	Living & Deceased of the Josefovsky & Bender Families	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Carol Jameson	<i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Bob Huffman	<i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Jones & Vavroch Families	<i>Mt 10:17-22</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27			
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Tom Eilerman	<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	†Richard & Rama Seas	<i>1 Jn 1:1-4</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Jim Miller	<i>Jn 20:1a, 2-8</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	†Charles & Rita Hennessey	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28			
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Melaine Jacomet	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Living & Deceased of OLF	<i>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14</i>
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	† Purgatorian Mass – Roxanna Meyer	<i>Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17</i>
9:15 a.m.	St. Mary	†Jan Hissong	<i>Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</i>
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Joan Buman	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Clete & Pat McEldowney	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	†Mary Jane Knapke	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Robert Brundrett, Jr.	

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



CHRIST IN THE WOMB

Week 40 – As the birth of Jesus approaches, Mary may start to feel her body prepare to deliver this beautiful baby boy. Her arms cannot wait to hold this precious gift from God! As she and Joseph prepare to welcome their baby who is ready to meet them, they entrust their family to God. *Jesus of the womb, pray for us!*

December 25 – With tears of joy on her face, Mary beholds her child for the first time today! Light for all the world is brightening their little stable. Joseph is silent in wonder at the sight of his perfect adopted Son. Shepherds will not arrive for another hour, so this first quiet moment of happiness is reserved just for the Holy Family...and a few barn animals. Jesus meets the world with His eyes open, a little King ready to continue His sacred journey.

Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers!

FR. ERIC BOWMAN RAMBLINGS

Thank You!

On behalf of Fr. Eric Bowman and his family and staff: Thank you to the faithful, the friends, the brother clergy in the Archdiocese who have shown such love and shared prayers with him during his serious infection and procedure. The incredible medical team that he had on his case was a blessing... also in thanks to your prayers. Your patience with the adjusted schedules and increased volunteerism is also appreciated.

We look forward to his healthy return very soon. Fr. Eric sends his love and gratitude and has been praying for his flock! Continue to prepare in this season of Advent as we await the coming of Our Lord like Mother Mary did with such divine grace. Our Lady of Fatima and staff are looking forward to celebrating a joyful and healthy Christmas season with you!

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 age 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

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

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE FAITHFUL

St. Boniface Heat Update 12.13.25

Halleluia!

St. Boniface will open for the normal Mass & Confessions beginning the 4th Sunday of Advent, 12/20 & 12/21/25!

Thank you, Roberts Brothers Comfort & Rayner Electric, for working efficiently, professionally and as economically as possible for St. Boniface's faith community to return to Mass!

Christmas gifts from OLF: "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" books, will be at St. Boniface for St. Boniface parishioners, not St. Mary. Enjoy!



Thank you!

Please give generously to St. Boniface Catholic Church so that the HVAC repair and upcoming necessary maintenance and capital repairs can be paid for for our beautiful St. Boniface! Thank you to those who have begun to share support for the aging building.

Our Lady of Fatima

OLF MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

Grades 7-12! SEE YOU FOR A SPECIAL ACTIVITY NIGHT:

Friday, 1/9/2026, 6-9 PM | Movie & PJ Night | St. Patrick Parish Center

Wear cozy jammies and bring a blanket or comfy chair/bean bag! Friends welcome!

New Year Youth Ministry Night Dates: January 11, January 18, January 25

BoSCO (7/8th Grades)/High School Youth Group | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Transfig Youth Building

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



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



MUSIC & LITURGY

(This article was submitted in advance of the anticipated installation to be prepared in time for the bulletin printing.)

MUSIC AT ST. MARY: A CONTINUED LEGACY

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, St. Mary Catholic Church in Piqua was blessed with the installation of a new Allen digital organ. St. Mary's state-of-the-art, American-made digital organ uses cutting-edge tone generation technology to deliver a realistic pipe organ sound throughout the church. The organ's eight-speaker expanded digital audio provides clear highs and lows, while interchangeable digital voices allow for flexible playing options with a variety of sounds including trumpets, horns, chimes and bells. Founded in 1843 and reconstructed in 1899, St. Mary has had three organs over the course of its history. The first instrument, a pipe organ, was installed at the turn of the century with the construction of the "new" 1899 church. This organ remained with the congregation until the mid-1970s, when it was replaced with an Allen "computer" organ that provided major technical upgrades for the time. Due to its age, it's no longer in good condition, and it is time for a fully-functioning organ, similar to one that St. Patrick in Troy and St. Boniface in Piqua purchased. In 2025, we introduce the third generation of music-making for St. Mary – the Allen digital organ, installed this week by Ohio Valley Church Organs and A1 Piano Movers. This new organ will serve congregations for decades to come. St. Mary was blessed to afford this beautiful instrument through the use of their operating funds and the generous gifts of current and past parishioners! Thank you for your generosity the past several years and to the staff who have arranged for this.



Jim Will

Stella Peiffer Jacob



The organ will be dedicated on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at 9:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. Fr. Eric Bowman will preside with a joint choir from Piqua and Troy providing music. All are encouraged to attend this special celebration. Stay tuned for more information!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD RESUMES JANUARY 6 & 7, 2026!

(No 7th/8th Grade Class at St. Patrick on January 4, 2026)

CATHOLIC LOVE IN ACTION

Thank you for sharing your Catholic love in action with the generous Giving Tree support at all five churches! What a blessing for those who will receive the gifts and monetary support this Christmas season. A special note of appreciation to our women and men who hospitably and humbly coordinated the Giving Tree opportunity in our churches.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

PRIEST TALKS

DIVING DEEP INTO THE NICENE CREED

by Fr. John MacQuarrie

Saturdays: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

January 10, 17, 31 | February 14, 21

To reserve a seat, please call (937) 698-7180.
There is no charge for this event!



(OLF OCIA: Qualifies as elective content.)



ST. CLARA LADIES

This past month, the St. Clara Ladies delighted in their small Christian community at 3Joes in Piqua! Merry Christmas, ladies!

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!

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.

Or, use Paypal.com and enter stbonifacequilt@gmail.com as the recipient. Include your phone number & email address.

#1) King-Size (94 x 110") "Wedding Ring"

Cross-Stitched by Karen Barringer, Jo Gast, Rose Hemm, Pat Knab, Cindy Nelson, Sylvia Piatt, Janet Poling, Gloria Stonerock, Deb Tyler
Hand-Quilted by Connie Bonifas, Betty Elliott, Dolores Latham, Deb Tyler
Machine-Quilted by Rita Mayor

#2) Lap Quilt (34 x 34") "Cross My Heart"

Cross-Stitched & Hand-Quilted by Gloria Stonerock

#3) Throw (50 x 68") "Yo-Yo"

Pieced by Janet Poling **Hand-Quilted** by Betty Elliot and Gloria Stonerock

#4) 9-Patch Quilt (55 x 60")

by Donna Johnson

#5) Scarlet & Gray (40 x 60") Crocheted Afghan

by Robbie Webb

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. BONIFACE!

St. Clare Adoration Chapel

behind St. Boniface Catholic Church

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

Fr. Angelo Caserta, founder of St. Clare Chapel, pray for us!



AVAILABLE GUARDIAN POSITIONS:

TIMES	MON	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Morning	-	-	-	10 a.m.	-	-
Mid-Day	-	3 p.m.	12 p.m.	1 p.m.	-	1 p.m.
Evening	-	-	-	-	8:00 p.m.	-
Overnight	-	-	-	-	-	3 a.m., 7 a.m.

Mike Epperly - Day Coordinator: (937) 622-0112

Mary Jane Karn - Night Coordinator: (937) 214-0476

Closed: Friday, Midnight - 4 a.m. and Friday, 9 p.m. to Saturday, 6 a.m.

Open all other times

Hyphen (-) = No current guardian need, all are welcome any time

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

A GIFT FOR YOU

At the entrance of your registered church, and as a gift from Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes to our parishioners, please pick up your family's copy of "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy!"

First come, first served, one per family please.
St. Boniface parishioners get to receive their copy at St. Boniface next weekend! **Merry Christmas!**

*Thank you to
Dynamic Catholic for
the partnership.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS
BOOK PROGRAM

**Busy is not
your friend.**

Don't miss your **FREE** copy of
Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy
at Christmas Mass.

**SLOWING
DOWN
TO
THE SPEED
OF JOY**

THE SIMPLE ART OF
TAKING BACK YOUR LIFE

MATTHEW KELLY

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DIVORCE CARE: 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.

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.



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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

Piqua Knights of St. John Doug Francony, 937-214-4915

Troy | St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Ian Unger, 419-733-9159

The Knights of Columbus Council 3873 will meet on the second Thursday of each month in the St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 6 upstairs (444 E. Water Street, white building behind school).



PARISHIONER HIGHLIGHTS

NEWLY BAPTIZED *Congratulations to:*

Heath Roger, son of Seth & Jessica Clark (SP)

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

None

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

Scott Knapke (SP)

CHURCH/SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

Thanks for your support & congrats!

SP Weekly Raffle Winner 12/15

Esther Kramer

SP Monthly Raffle Winner – November

December Winner Coming Soon!

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

January Winner Coming Soon!

Piqua Catholic Weekly Raffle 12/15-19

Ellen Jay, Joseph Teach,
Kylee Mann, Susan Yannucci,
Doug & Juli Smith

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Saturday, December 27 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	B. Daniel, M. Kemmer, M. Peterson
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Cool, K. Henne, J. Herbe, Vickie Pierson, L. Ventura
Lectors	J. White, R. Curtis
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp

Sunday, December 28 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	H. Karn, I. Karn, A. Richard
Extraordinary Ministers	ME Buechter, K. Earhart, L. Stotler, A. Woehrmyer
Lectors	D. Decknadel, M. Garman
Sacristan	D. Decknadel
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

ST. MARY

Saturday, December 27 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Bell, D. Richard, G. Staley
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Bell, T. Burnside, Sister Ginny, K. Wendeln
Lectors	A. Manson, E. Merrifield
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, R. Foster, Volunteer

Sunday, December 28 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Johns, K. Johns, K. Petty
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Bates, T. Buecker, D. Cecil, Volunteer
Lectors	R. O’Leary, J. Terry
Sacristan	D. Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	D. Francony, P. Jenkins, Volunteers

ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 28 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	J. Kuether
Extraordinary Minister	E. Clark, Volunteers
Lector	J. Swabb
Ushers	T. Kuether, C. Wehner

ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 27 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	C. Pannapara, O. Poeppelman
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Scott, Dcn. John, MB Rindler
Lector	V. Pannapara
Sacristan	T. Pannapara

Sunday, December 28 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Bockey, D. Russel
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Lehrter, K. Jent, T. Jent
Lector	C. Bockey
Sacristan	L. Menker

Sunday, December 28 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. Gudorf, L. Gudorf, O. Gudorf
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Gutman, J. Taylor, A. Thomas, P. Cartwright, K. Olberding
Lector	J. Gudorf
Sacristan	S. Gudorf

Sunday, December 28 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Tremblay, C. Yahl
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Tremblay, Dcn. John, N. Tremblay
Lector	Volunteer
Sacristan	N. Tremblay

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Sunday, December 28 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Williams, R. Gallegos, M. Desch
Lector	S. Schaurer
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Craport, R. Gallegos, J. Stutz, Volunteer

Sunday, December 28 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	G. Moore, J. Moore
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Fisher, Michael & Maria Olenchuk
Lectors	C. August, M. Schubert
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	L. Manson, C. August, Volunteers



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