



DECEMBER

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2025

2ND 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 | 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 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 Pohlfs

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.

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

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!

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

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

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.)



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION			
7:00 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Leo Wildenthaler	<i>Gn 3:9-15, 20</i> <i>Eph 1:3-6, 11-12</i> <i>Lk 1:26-38</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	The Wolters Family – 24	
8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Serey and Ventura Families	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary \$	†Jerry Richard	
12:10 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Suzanne Jones	
7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	Heather Maleszewski	
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Clete Peltier	
7:00 p.m.	St. Teresa \$	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Gary & Ursula Pierron	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> <i>Is 40:1-11</i> <i>Mt 18:12-14</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Carole Henderson	
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	†Stephen Latino	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Leo Grilliot	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> <i>Is 40:25-31</i> <i>Mt 11:28-30</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Purgatorian Mass – Carlos A. Lozano-Sanchez	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Bernice Lewis	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11			
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Clete & Pat McEldowney	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> <i>Is 41:13-20</i> <i>Mt 11:11-15</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Cheryl Carlin	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Edna Chenoweth	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	†David Toller	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab</i> <i>Lk 1:39-47</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	David & Maria Castle	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Rosemary & Paul Gutmann	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13			
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Basil Bey	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> <i>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11</i> <i>Mt 17:9a, 10-13</i>
3:30 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Nancy Caserta	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Towey Family	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	†Helen Jacomet	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14			
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Dorothy Depweg	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Is 35:1-6a, 10</i> <i>Jas 5:7-10</i> <i>Mt 11:2-11</i>
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Living & Deceased of the Bolinger & Stemple Families	
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa \$	†Stanley & Barbara Hindmarch	
9:15 a.m.	St. Mary \$	Living & Deceased of OLF	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Dave Cartwright	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration \$	Theresa Lawson	
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	†Si Cutcher	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$	†Beverly Nally	

\$ = Second Collection \$ – Feast of Immaculate Conception, Retirement Fund for Religious

† = 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.

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 <i>no music</i>	
	8:30 AM		Fr. Eric Bowman <i>with Piqua Catholic School</i>		Fr. Isaiah Callan <i>with St. Patrick Catholic School</i>	Fr. Steve Shoup
	12:10 PM		Fr. Eric Bowman <i>no music</i>			
	7:00 PM		Fr. Steve Shoup	Fr. Jim Duell	Fr. Isaiah Callan <i>Incense, Candlelight</i>	

FR. ERIC BOWMAN RAMBLINGS

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

The archangel Gabriel said to Mary: "Hail, one full of grace...I announce: The Lord is with thee!" Luke 1:26-28

The archangel was speaking what was true: Mary was a human in full grace. She was seen like an unspoiled Eve, a woman without sin. Thus, her womb was prepared by God for it to be the womb of coming Messiah, our God in flesh appearing, the holy infant Jesus. To that event, Mary said: "Let it be done unto me." God then spoke it to happen. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us—first in Mary. She was the handmaid of the Lord and the Temple for the Lord's coming, which was ironic, since tradition states she had served in Jerusalem's Temple all through her years as a girl as a handmaid to the priests and elders. Now, she herself was housing the Lord in her womb. In all Godly purity, too.

This December 8 feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception takes place exactly nine months prior to the celebration of *her birth date* of September 8. Some people get confused, since this Holy Day of Mary takes place near Christmas, it then gets mistaken for being the conception day of Jesus—but you know that's not it, nor is the math right—that would be an 18-day pregnancy or a 383 day one! Yes, the countdown is for Mary's birth. She was conceived to Saints Joachim and Anne, somewhere in or near Jerusalem, as their baby girl, and with some divine secret going on to later be understood. If Jesus is to be pure and free of original sin, then He will need to have a pure mother in all human respect.

The Catholic dogma states that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "immaculate" means, "without stain." It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Another mistaken idea is that the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way that Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. Only Jesus has that happen to Him.

In fact, Mary was holy from the first moment in her mother's womb all the way until her being assumed into heaven as an adult in her 50s, when she finished her earthly life. Catholics hold that Mary was in a state of sanctifying grace from the moment of her conception to the moment of her assumption into heaven.

In 1858, a 14-year-old miller's daughter from a small Pyrenees town came upon a vision of Mary, who declared, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The apparition, later known as Our Lady of Lourdes, wasn't simply legitimizing a papal declaration from four years before. The event confirmed a belief that had evolved over centuries of prayer and reflection: the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived and born without sin.

The Immaculate Mary, conceived without sin, is our national feast day of the United States, going back to 1846. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conceptions is in Washington, D.C.

Prayer

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give our country and ourselves to our sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow prophesied by Simeon, save us from degeneration, disaster and war.

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

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 38 – Mary's body is flooding Jesus with antibodies this week as He gets ready for the big day. This will support His natural immune system for most of the first year of life outside the womb. *Jesus of the womb, hear our prayers!*



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 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.

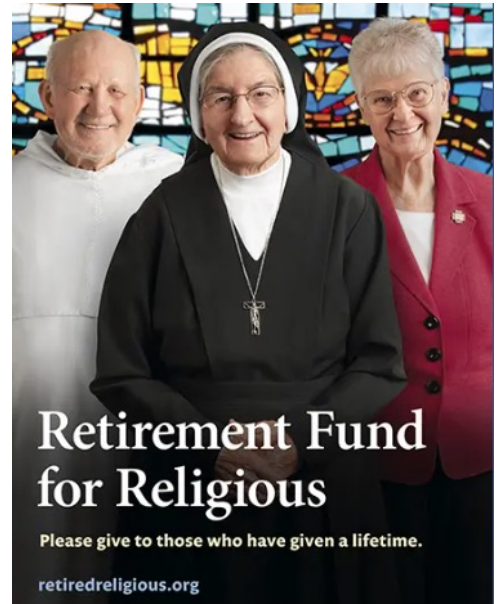
REQUIREMENTS – You must be at least 70½ years old to qualify for a QCD. The distribution can be made from an IRA. You can use SEP IRAs or SIMPLE IRAs so long as they are inactive, meaning that you've made no contributions to the account in the year the QCD is taken. Keep in mind that 401(k)s and other 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



Retirement Fund for Religious collection will take place next 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. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. 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.



The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption made present to us. It's an ancient and noble practice to pray for the living and the dead at Mass. If you would like to request a Mass Intention through June of 2026, please stop into your church office during its regular business hours.

**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

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.

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!

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



GIVING TREES Share your blessings with those in need by giving joy this coming Christmas. **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. The St. Boniface tree is set up in the corner near the main entrance of St. Mary.

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.

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 TAGS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 OR DECEMBER 14 (Check your tag for due date!)

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 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.*

OLF MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 7-12!

Youth Ministry Nights

Sundays, December 7 & 14

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

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
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



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](#).

December 8 | 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Mass | St. Patrick | Reception to follow

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

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!



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: January through March 2026. Games on Saturdays & Sundays (possible weekday game).
Where: Games to be played at local parishes within the Dayton area.

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

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

Sign ups due by December 12, 2025
Contact: Amanda Unger, at amandakunger@gmail.com

Friendly competition with other local parishes!

NOVEMBER WINNING TICKETS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Monthly Raffle

3rd Prize = 908535... \$35
2nd Prize = 572542... \$70
1st Prize = 572470... \$176

The color-match ticket was **GREEN**
so the Rollover Pot of **\$176 + \$70 bonus was won!**
Please see your church office to turn in your winning ticket!

No raffle for the month of December!



Dynamic Catholic
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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 OLF churches later in December!
First-come, first-served, one per household please.

FIND YOUR 2026 \$10-A-MONTH CLUB ENROLLMENT FORM NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCH!

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

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!


OLF CURRENT EVENTS

Advent
PRIEST TALKS
ST. JOSEPH, THE FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS CHARACTER
by Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor
7:00-8:00 PM

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



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 WILL BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCHES AND IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN!

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!*

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!




ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

We get to provide donations to the Bethany Center Food Pantry throughout December while we hold all Piqua Masses within St. Mary Catholic Church! Please place your generous donations in the designated bin in the doorway nearest the candles within St. Mary. Call the Bethany Center at 937-615-9762 if you prefer to deliver directly. Bethany Center clients are especially in need of canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew and fruit. Other helpful items include 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 cornbread mix. Toilet paper and paper towels are always appreciated.

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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).

 **Knights of Columbus**
Council 3873, Troy OH

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

PARISHIONER HIGHLIGHTS

NEWLY BAPTIZED *Congratulations to:*

Ruth Ezra, daughter of Jeff & Jordan Monnier (SP)

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

John Henry Gerlach (SB)

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

Scottie Nicole, daughter of Adam & Madison Lyons (SM)

CHURCH/SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

Thanks for your support & congrats!

SP Weekly Raffle Winner 12/1

SP Monthly Raffle Winner - November

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

Piqua Catholic Weekly Raffle 12/1-5

Karen Church

Shelley Chapman

Stacey & Mike Earhart

Bob & Rose Penny,

Brenda Peltier,

Marilyn Hoban, Jeff Adams,

Mr. & Mrs. John Vavroch

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Saturday, December 13 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 14 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Johns, K. Johns, H. Kreitzer
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Johnson, G. Johnson, M. McDonald, K. Roth
Lectors	E. Baker, T. Burnside
Sacristan	D. Johnson
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

ST. MARY

Saturday, December 13 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	K. Dunbar, K. Dunbar, R. Henry
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Koehl, B. Kohl, A. Manson, E. Merrifield
Lectors	B. Hewitt, B. Karpinski
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, R. Foster, Volunteer

Sunday, December 14 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Richard, G. Sherman, H. Sherman
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Roberts, M. Mertz, R. Monroe, M. Safreed
Lectors	M. Hogston, R. O'Leary
Sacristan	A. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	D. Francony, P. Jenkins, Volunteers

ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	P. Swabb
Extraordinary Minister	J. Swabb, Volunteers
Lector	J. Swabb
Ushers	C. Wehner, Volunteer

ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 13 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Russel, C. Yahl
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, Dcn. John, K. Scott
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	S. Knight

Sunday, December 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	CC Subler, J. Subler
Extraordinary Ministers	A. McDonough, P. Menker, M. Subler
Lector	K. Vendryes
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, December 14 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	T. Custer, J. Thomas, J. Thomas
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Custer, P. Smith, M. Via, K. Olberding, A. Thomas
Lector	K. Olberding
Sacristan	M. Henry

Sunday, December 14 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Johnson, C. Tremblay
Extraordinary Ministers	N. Tremblay, Dcn. John, A. Tremblay
Lector	K. Miller
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, December 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	X. Hummel, L. Hummel, T. Hummel
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Mergler, D. Mergler, C. Hummel, M. Desch
Lector	K. Jacobs
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Craport, B. Hoffman, J. Stutz, G. Steele

Sunday, December 14 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Case, J. Volk
Extraordinary Ministers	W. Dexter, B. Platfoot, L. McCartan
Lectors	A. Wallace, R. Latino
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	MP Post, L. Manson, R. Winkler, C. Crabtree

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