



FEBRUARY

22
2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

PASTOR: Fr. Eric Bowman | **VICARS:** Fr. Martin Bachman, Fr. Isaiah Callan, Fr. Steven Shoup
SUNDAY ASSOCIATE: Fr. Joseph Kozar | **DEACON:** John Carlin



LENT



prayer · fasting · almsgiving



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 | | | LENTEN 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 | 5:00-6:45 PM |
| SP | 5:00 PM | 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM | Thursday | TR | 5:00-6:45 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 |

| EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| SP | Wednesday | 8:30 AM-7:00 PM |
| TR | Thursday | 9:00 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 | | |

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 alongside of us. Find resources, ways to get involved in parish life and times and places of worship within the bulletin. Follow "Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes – Ohio" on Facebook to connect further.

To register for a church, or if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we are here to support you – contact a church office to be welcomed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE!

PARISHIONER CONTACT INFO: Be sure to keep your address, phone number and e-mail 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 e-mail. 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.)



COMMUNICATION

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!

Calling for Ushers, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and Same-day Wedding Facilitators to support Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' churches with your helping hands!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN.

The five-church Pastoral Council invites faithful parishioners to nominate members or to self-nominate. Contact Robyn Gallegos, president, at rcgallegos@frontier.com | (937) 409-7101 to be added to the rolling nomination list for Pastoral Council's consideration and potential appointment as vacancies arise in the future. Pastoral Council typically meets approximately six times a year. Members' term-limit is typically three years with consideration for renewal.

Purpose: Supporting the Mission of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes, Pastoral Council strives to be missionary disciples, and provides a platform to share support, concerns, praises and liaising to pastoral leadership so that the Church can continue to be strengthened. Pastoral Council participates in interactive exchanges, serves as a voice of the people and allows for additional accountability for the parish's strategic plan goals.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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| 7:45 a.m. | St. Patrick | Mary Azelie Wenning | <i>St. Polycarp, Bisop and Martyr</i> <i>Lv 19:1-2, 11-18</i> <i>Mt 25:31-46</i> |
| 8:15 a.m. | Transfiguration | Carl Brzozowski | |
| 12:10 p.m. | St. Boniface | †Harold Zimmerman | |

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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|------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 7:45 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Bob Jacomet | <i>Is 55:10-11</i> <i>Mt 6:7-15</i> |
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Boniface | Deceased of the Francis & Cruea Families | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Transfiguration | Kevin Windle | |

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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| 7:45 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Living & Deceased of Cote & Ritter Families | <i>Jon 3:1-10</i> <i>Lk 11:29-32</i> |
| 8:15 a.m. | Transfiguration | † Purgatorian Mass: John Brown, Joyce Long | |
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Mary | †Susie Apple | |

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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|-----------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 8:15 a.m. | Transfiguration | †Mike Coy | <i>Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25</i> <i>Mt 7:7-12</i> |
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Agnes Hines | |
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Boniface | †Ian LaChey | |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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| 7:45 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Tony & Rose Nagel | <i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Ez 18:21-28</i> <i>Mt 5:20-26</i> |
| 8:15 a.m. | Transfiguration | †Nick & Mary Donohue | |
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Mary | †Sylvester Magoteaux | |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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| 8:30 a.m. | St. Mary | †Martha Shanesy | <i>Dt 26:16-19</i> <i>Mt 5:43-48</i> |
| 3:30 p.m. | St. Boniface | †Joe Evans | |
| 5:00 p.m. | St. Patrick | Living & Deceased of OLF | |
| 5:00 p.m. | St. Mary | †Mary Krebsler | |

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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|------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 7:30 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Jack Black | <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Gn 12:1-4a</i> <i>2 Tm 1:8b-10</i> <i>Mt 17:1-9</i> |
| 7:30 a.m. | Transfiguration * | Kevin Windle | |
| 7:30 a.m. | St. Teresa | †Sylvester Meyer | |
| 9:15 a.m. | St. Mary | †Edward Elsasser | |
| 9:30 a.m. | St. Patrick | †The Towey Family | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Transfiguration * | †Phil Doecker | |
| 11:00 a.m. | St. Boniface | †Joe Francis | |
| 11:30 a.m. | St. Patrick | †Steve Baker | |

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

MASS WITH OUR FRIENDS WHO LIVE WITH A DISABILITY

Archbishop Casey & Fr. Kyle Schnipple

March 7, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist | 753 South Hyatt Street, Tipp City

All family, friends, and community members around the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are welcome to attend.

Light refreshments to immediately follow in the banquet hall. ALL are welcome!

Need special accommodations? An interpreter? Braille printed materials? Special seating?

Contact Lisa Averion, laverion@cathoicaoc.org. Large print programs will be available. Sensory-friendly Mass

ST. TERESA HEATING UPDATE

As an update regarding the heating issues at St. Teresa, we recently signed a contract with Roberts Brothers Comfort to install two new WeatherKing, 95 percent-efficient furnaces that will be fueled by the existing propane lines. These systems will have a 25-year warranty on the heat exchangers and a 10-year warranty on other parts. During installation, new digital programmable thermostats will be placed in the church which will allow us to regulate heat when needed. The total cost of the project including the existing boiler repair work and its new furnaces is more than \$11,000. The installation process is nearly completed. Our pastor, Fr. Eric will briefly discuss this at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on March 1 during his next rotation at St. Teresa. Loyal and new tithing and generous financial support of St. Teresa has allowed for some of this necessary maintenance expense to be funded. Your support to perpetuate St. Teresa's maintenance and care of the property and operations is, of course, appreciated.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION OF LENT

As another Lenten season comes into focus, I can't help but recall from the passing years the language and images that threaten to flood the senses. Ash Wednesday, the number 40, the three Pillars of Lent, Friday abstinence, personal pieties, sacrifices, devotionals and Holy Week clamor for recognition once again. Ash Wednesday brings the familiar ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross. For some, the shape of their cross is wanting and perhaps is more of a "cross" to bear than others. The length of time of 40 days recalls the duration of Noah's Flood, the number of days Goliath taunted Israel, the length of years the Israelites wandered in the desert, the duration God gave the Israelite spies to explore the Promised Land, the window of time before Nineveh would be destroyed; in Matthew's Gospel, it was the amount of Jesus' time fasting in the desert before ministry, and the length of time the Resurrected Jesus remained before the Ascension. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving become the buzzwords implied at the start of every homily. Friday abstinence reminds us that perhaps it's not too much to ask that on the day Christ died, we die as a Church by refraining from the same thing (meat). Devotionals, pious habits and sacrificial practices ask if we will continue our friendship with them this year. Holy Week looms as both gateway and sentinel. Its passing signals the end of Lent and the challenge to let Christ fulfill the aim of Lent within us before it's too late.

It is a season where certain things do not flood the senses. The Alleluia and Gloria are mysteriously absent every year. The local church is usually devoid of excess decoration, and the green of ordinary time disappears as the customary penitential purple replaces it. With much said and so much that we could say, the most helpful thing is simple clarity.

During Lent, Mother Church strips away visual and audible aids that might otherwise supplant a deeper quest for freedom. She withdraws decoration that the soul might search out and equip herself with the armor of newly-activated truths and be enlivened to a health fully possible with God. She asks her children to remove comforts to heighten their souls' longing and achieve the victory, self-mastery and confidence that all moral men and women know. Presuming that a person's health is secured, she institutes a necessary secondary principle to carry them into the depths of Christ's freedom. This next principle states that each person must deny the body to feed the soul. Lent is a time to see how well we can love God and others, even as everyone else is trying to do the same. Lent is not a time of competition between neighbors but, first and foremost, a competition against oneself. If my circumstances are the same as last year, can I push myself a bit further? Am I in love with food, drink, technology or entertainment more than I am with God and the truths of His Church? Am I strong enough to sacrifice at will, in small, consistent ways, for 40 days? What space will this penance carve out for God in me? Will this sacrifice (like giving up a three-cup-a-day coffee minimum "cold-turkey") impose more penance on others than myself? As I have learned more about myself, God and Lent since it began, do I need to change how I pursue Christ? For love's sake, what am I willing to give up in the world?

Amid all the language, images and questions we can frequent, only one thing should animate our actions this Lent: the pursuit of Christ gaining ground within our souls. Forty days and the three Pillars of Lent manifest this meaning most succinctly. Forty days represents the length of time in anyone's heart that is necessary to move from a place of idleness, mediocrity and backsliding to wholeness, integration and interior freedom. The three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving bring about justice toward God, self and neighbor. If we can discern a movement towards peace and justice in our souls by the end of Lent, we might say our Lent was many things, but wasted would not be one of them. It is my sincerest hope that your Lent is illuminative and fruitful. May what God stirs within you find its way to fulfillment.

OLF CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Monday, March 2

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.



SPRING FORWARD!

Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m.
is Daylight Saving Time.
Don't forget to set your clocks
forward one hour!

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

MARCH 2026 - For Disarmament & Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Our Father / Hail Mary / Glory Be

*Stay tuned for your
opportunity to gift an
Easter Flower Tribute
for a loved one at
your church!*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS BEACONS OF LIGHT CORNER



We are more than halfway through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Beacons of Light process, making it a good time to remind all of its purpose and the work that is being done daily. Beacons of Light (BOL) launched for AOC's parishes in 2022, when 208 AOC parishes were assigned into 57 "family of parishes." In addition to providing a structure to better support its priests and their ministry work, BOL calls family of parishes to take a closer look at its resources, its staffing, its ministries, its operations and to be more intentional, more prayerful and resourceful in order to become on-mission in making disciples.

In 2018, several pastors of multiple parishes met with Archbishop Schnurr to discuss the challenges of then-serving multiple parishes on their own, and the Archbishop asked his staff to build a solution. In 2020, BOL was modeled after several dioceses around the country that had already completed a form of clustering and unification. Since then, many more have begun the process of their unification processes.

The Archdiocese notes: "We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples...This is of urgent importance because:

- Religious practice has been declining in both the United States and in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- Our current infrastructure and schedules were built for a different era. In many cases, our church buildings are grossly underutilized.
- Our resources have often been largely consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and are spread too thin to be truly effective."

Early in the formation, I was invited to serve on the oversight committee for the BOL process. We learned that the AOC structured BOL with six *Principles* and 31 corresponding *Parameters* within them that are meant to guide the family of parishes in becoming one new canonical parish. Families of parishes are introducing their leadership, their operations, plans and principles and making consideration of the designated Phases, as well. Although every family of parishes is moving at a different pace, the initial focus has been on the first three of six *Phases*, including Leadership, Vision, and, now, Culture.

Each family of parishes was to develop a plan, and Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes was extremely blessed that a friend of mine from Cincinnati donated the cost to pay for Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) to facilitate and guide us through the process - this gift was more than \$150,000 in value and wasn't one that all families of parishes received, which gave us stability to begin. Our planning team consisted of more than 40 parishioners and a majority of the staff. We met as groups for several sessions to develop our vision and mission statements and our pillars to set the foundation for future planning.

The initial planning focus included visioning, internal and external communication, and learning and sharpening operations. Unifying our Pastoral Council, determining our family of parishes' identity and name, operating with one weekly bulletin source for clear information, understanding the workflow and skill sets of staff and the structural needs of our unifying family of parishes, assessing the required Mass schedules and limitations for the designated number of priests, forming the Family Leadership Team, and many other efforts, such as listening and learning the culture of our church communities, are forming our parishes to operate more succinctly.

Although it's been intentional on our part not to make drastic changes to-date, there is still an insurmountable amount of considerations and prayer behind each decision and adjustment so that we can begin to operate more smoothly and in the same direction...toward Him. All of the work will take years to accomplish, as we know, but I like to keep our people informed and ask for continued prayers for our family of parishes, your clergy, our key volunteers, our staff and those coming into or back to the faith. I'll look forward to introducing the organizational structure, our staff's capacities in how they serve and sharing more Beacon of Light notes in the coming weeks.

– Fr. Eric

OLF MINISTRIES

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](#).

First Friday | March 6, 7-8 PM | St. Boniface Catholic Church, 310 S. Downing St., Piqua

OLF MINISTRIES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

OCIA participants: Your participation may qualify as an "elective." Ask your mentor.

Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' Lenten Resource

is available on all OLF church websites, OLF Facebook page and was mailed to homes. It includes **Bible Studies, a Retreat, Priest Talks, Fish Fry Dinners and Social Events.** Find updates here with your phone camera:



HALF-DAY LENTEN RETREAT

A Lenten Retreat on "Prayer" | Saturday, March 7
"Our Father" by Bill Hogston &
"The Seven Sorrows of Mary" by Fr. Isaiah Callan
8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Mary | 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Retreat
Piqua Catholic North Street Campus Cafeteria
503 W. North Street, Piqua | Light Breakfast Included

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS



OLF PRIEST TALK

A SERIES PRESENTED BY PASTOR, FR. ERIC BOWMAN

7-8 PM

Thursday,
February 19

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST
Christ's temptations as they mirror Adam's
Transfiguration Spiritual Center, 3505 Calumet Rd., Ludlow Falls

Tuesday,
March 3

THE WILDERNESS NARRATIVES PART 1:
From Slavery to the Mountain of God
St. Patrick Undercroft (Basement), Troy

Wednesday,
March 18

THE WILDERNESS NARRATIVES PART 2:
From the Mountain of God to the Promised Land
St. Patrick Undercroft (Basement), Troy

Monday,
March 23

BIBLICAL ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK
A closer look in to the Biblical Roots of Holy Week
St. Mary, Piqua Catholic North Street Cafeteria
503 W. North St., Piqua

There is no charge for this event! OLF OCIA: Elective eligible.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Ministry Nights | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

February 22 at Transfiguration Youth Building

TEEN DINNER PROVIDED

Thank you to the parents and parishioners who have supported this awesome ministry for our young people! We are blessed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7/8th grade OLF CCD class returns this week!

Let's celebrate our Confirmands! Treats provided for 7/8th.

8th graders, bring your Confirmation gifts for a priest blessing.

CCD at St. Patrick | Sunday, February 22, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

CCD at Transfiguration | Wednesday, February 25, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

(2/25 includes Lenten Confession Grades K-8)

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal
3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls

March 6 | 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Please join as we spend time with
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Transfiguration Doughnut Sunday
March 1, after both Masses



Note: St. Teresa's Stations of the Cross are Sundays at 6:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross

St. Teresa
St. Patrick

Sundays 6 PM
Fridays 7 PM

St. Patrick Catholic School
Fridays 2:15 PM (not 3/6)

Transfiguration
St. Mary

Fridays 6:30 PM
Thursdays 7 PM

Piqua Catholic Schools
Friday, 2/27. 12:30 PM
Holy Thursday, 4/2, 12:30 PM

"Mary's Way of the Cross"

by Christ Renews His Parish

Wednesday, March 25 | 6:30 PM | St. Mary

OLF CURRENT EVENTS



Knights of Columbus

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, February 22
 St. Patrick Catholic Church Undercroft (basement)
 Fellowship after 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses!

\$10 per adult | \$5 for 12 and under | \$20 max per family

Join the community for a fluffy and fun fundraiser supporting Troy Knights of Columbus! They do so much to bless our parish community, let's take a moment to support their work!





DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT!

Our Lady of Fatima
 FAMILY OF PARISHES

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS 2026

| 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/6 | 3/13 | 3/20 | 3/27 |
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| SM 5-7p | SM 5-7p | SM 5-7p | SM 5-7p | SM 5-7p | SM 5-7p |
| TR 6-9p | ST 4:30-7p | | ST 4:30-7p | | TR 6-9p |
| | SP 5-7p | | SP 5-7p | | SP 5-7p |
| | | | | | ST 4:30-7p |

ST. MARY (SM) | PIQUA
 \$12 - Adults | \$10 - Seniors & Carry-out | \$8 - 12 yrs & under
 All you can eat!

ST. PATRICK (SP) | TROY
 \$12 - Adults | \$10 - Seniors & Carry-out | \$8 - 12 yrs & under
 All you can eat!

TRANSFIGURATION (TR) | WEST MILTON
 \$17 - Adults | \$15 - Carry-out | \$9 - Ages 4-12 | FREE - 3 & Under
 Doors open at 6 PM! "Horse Racing," 50/50, games of chance!

ST. TERESA (ST) | COVINGTON
 \$10 - 3-piece dinner! Plus, bake sale & homemade desserts!

A SHAMROCK TRIFECTA WEEKEND!

Join St. Patrick Catholic Church & School for a Shamrocky kind of weekend March 13 and March 14!
 Registration is now open for the 5K and Dance.

ST. PATRICK MEN'S SOFTBALL FISH FRY DINNER

Friday, March 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church undercroft (basement)!

\$12 - Adults | \$10 - Seniors & Carry-out | \$8 - 12 yrs & under
 All-you-can-eat! To-go option available.

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K

March 14, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
 Troy Memorial Stadium
 151 W. Staunton Road, Troy, OH

Pre-Race Registration: \$25
Race Day Registration: \$35

The 12th annual race, with Kegs & Eggs Award Breakfast to follow. This event draws more than 250 participants! Scan the QR code with your camera for more info




SHAMROCK SHINDIG

When: March 14, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
Where: St. Patrick Parish Center

What's Included:
 Dinner and late-night pizza, all-you-can-drink beer & seltzers, live band, large raffle, games & more!

Cost: \$45/person

TICKET SALES ARE NOW OPEN!
 Link to ticket sales and to review auction items:
<https://shindig26.givesmart.com>

**If you're interested in donating to the event raffle or games, please contact Steph Ratermann (937) 638-4841.*



Raffle

Win an Elegant Spring Dinner for Four

WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES' PRIESTS

served by the Mission Group at the Bates' beautiful home

Raffle tickets \$100 each
Dinner date coordinated with winner!

ONLY 75 TICKETS TO BE SOLD!
 GET YOURS IN THE PIQUA CHURCH OFFICE,
CALL JEANIE BATES 937-214-2445
 OR ASK: BRENDA KARPINSKI,
 DON STONEROCK, BOB HARTINGS

SERVED BY & BENEFITTING ST. MARY/ST. BONIFACE MISSION GROUP

RAFFLE DRAWING 2/27/26

SCHOOLS



We love our Catholic School! Catholic Schools Week was a celebration of our Catholic faith with a whole lot of fun doing it. Piqua Catholic invited our parents to come for a morning of Pancakes with Parents, we snacked on popcorn and Cold Stone Creamery ice cream and ended the week with the 10th Annual Talent Show. It was a week packed full of fun and faith!



St. Patrick Catholic School Kindergarten

Kindergarten Shadow & Screening Days

Shadow days for prospective students are available. Kindergarten screenings are happening March 3 & 9.

Contact the school office to schedule an assessment!
937-339-3705

Financial Aid

There are many financial aid options. No child shall be denied a Catholic education due to cost.

- Ohio Ed Choice
- Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship
- Parish Financial Aid
- The Sharon Henning Memorial Scholarship
- Alumni & Friends Scholarships
- Archdiocese Welcome Scholarship
- Catholic Education Welcome Scholarship

Did you know...

- ✓ St. Patrick offers all-day kindergarten
- ✓ We offer before and aftercare
- ✓ Kindergarten students attend art, music, physical education, and library classes every week
- ✓ We follow the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Graded Course of Study for our curriculum
- ✓ Religion class is offered every day, and we attend mass every Thursday
- ✓ We have classroom aides in K & 1st, as well as a full-time intervention specialist, counselor, speech therapist, and tutors on staff

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.

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

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ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, February 28 – 3:30 p.m.

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| Altar Servers | M. Kemmer, M. Osborne, M. Peterson |
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Saturday, March 1 – 11:00 a.m.

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| Altar Servers | K. Earick, N. Earick, R. Earick |
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Saturday, February 28 – 5:00 p.m.

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| Altar Servers | R. Henry, D. Richard, J. Richard |
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Saturday, March 1 – 9:15 a.m.

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Saturday, February 28 – 5:00 p.m.

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Saturday, March 1 – 7:30 a.m.

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Saturday, March 1 – 9:30 a.m.

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Saturday, March 1 – 11:30 a.m.

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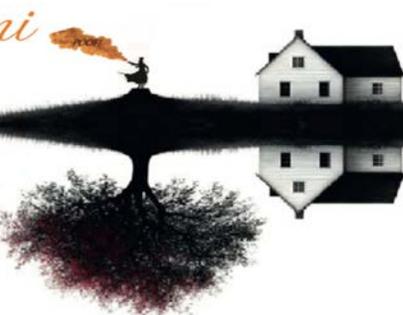
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