



MARCH

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2026

3RD 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  
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 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		
	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	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	St. Clare Adoration Chapel – Located behind St. Boniface
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 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](mailto:pcartwright@stpattroy.org) | 937-335-2833. OLF Baptism Classes are held at St. Patrick Parish Center (white building behind the school), upstairs Room 3. **NEXT CLASS: MARCH 9**

**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](http://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

If any further severe weather presents and it affects our churches, programs or facilities, please find the **OLF Inclement Weather Plan** and updates on all of our church websites. Your word of mouth and the Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes Facebook page will also be helpful.

**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](http://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!**

**WEDDING FACILITATOR:** Did you know that each wedding that occurs at Our Lady of Fatima's churches is assigned a lay person to help facilitate the use of the church on the wedding day? That Wedding Facilitator, not to be confused with a privately-paid "Coordinator," ensures that the bride and groom have same-day accommodations to get onto the property, shares special notes with their photographer, assists with organizing wedding programs and processional timing, attends the wedding rehearsal and makes sure things are in place for a beautiful liturgical experience. If you would like to serve your church and support a couple's special day of matrimony, please contact your church office to express interest!

**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](mailto: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.

**NOW HIRING SUBSTITUTE COOKS** to prepare evening meals for retired priests at the Lange Estate in Ludlow Falls. Meals are served Monday-Friday at 5:30 p.m. for up to eight priests. This would be a part-time position to substitute as needed for the regular cooks when they have expected or unexpected time-off. A fully-equipped kitchen is available with food items paid for by the Lange Estate. Interested candidates should e-mail [HR@fatima-family.org](mailto:HR@fatima-family.org).

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 9			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:10 p.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Boniface	Our Lady of Fatima Priests & Deacons Kevin Windle †Judy Resler	<i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i> <i>2 Kgs 5:1-15ab</i> <i>Lk 4:24-30</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 10			
7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick St. Boniface Transfiguration	†Jim Niekamp †Rita McGreevy †Lori Bradley	<i>Dn 3:25, 34-43</i> <i>Mt 18:21-35</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	†Deacon Michael Knight † <b>Purgatorian Mass:</b> John Brown, Barbara Hammond, Pete Segi †Joyce Falik	<i>Dt 4:1, 5-9</i> <i>Mt 5:17-19</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 12			
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick St. Boniface	†Rose Schmuth The Wolters Family †Larry Francis	<i>Jer 7:23-28</i> <i>Lk 11:14-23</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 13			
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	Oliver Lane †Gregory Coughlin Ethan Elshoff	<i>Hos 14:2-10</i> <i>Mk 12:28-34</i>
SATURDAY, MARCH 14			
8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary St. Boniface St. Patrick St. Mary	†Tom Routson <b>Living &amp; Deceased of OLF</b> †Carol Scott †Estelle Heiner	<i>Hos 6:1-6</i> <i>Lk 18:9-14</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 15			
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. Boniface St. Patrick	†Ray Guillozet The Brown Family † <b>Purgatorian Mass:</b> Jim Stiner †Charles Morrison †Dave Toller †Clete & Pat McEldowney All Priests & Religious †Tony & Rose Nagel	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a</i> <i>Eph 5:8-14</i> <i>Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</i>

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

## ASK YOUR *Priest*

**Parishioner Question:** “Do we (the Church) change the mysteries of the Rosary according to the liturgical season?”

Another common question like this is, “Do we exclude certain mysteries during Lent? The Rosary is a private devotion, as such, it has no strict rules. However, it is a strong tradition to focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries to align with the penitential season, such as replacing the Glorious Mysteries on Sundays with the Sorrowful Mysteries to reflect on Christ’s Passion.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes’ churches will be decorated with beautiful Spring flowers this Easter season thanks to parishioners who dedicate a memorial or tribute gift for their loved one(s).  
*Find a tribute dedication form at the entrance of church.*

Return to the church office/collection basket **by Monday, 3/16**.  
Mark your envelope/gift as “Easter Flowers” - **Print clearly**.



*The Cross* is hard to accept. As I move through life, I often find myself resistant to picking up my cross and following Jesus. At times, I have done what was expected of me rather than freely embracing discipleship. Yet, as my faith deepens, it becomes harder to avoid the truth: the Cross is not optional for a Christian.

In the Gospel of Matthew 16, Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." He is not speaking about suffering for its own sake. Rather, He invites us to unite our sufferings with His. This lies at the heart of discipleship.

First, the Cross is more than enduring pain. The Church is clear: God does not delight in suffering. We are not to seek it out. Instead, the Cross refers to the real burdens that come with loving God and neighbor in a fallen world—illness, limitations, sacrifice, fidelity, being misunderstood, and the daily dying-to-selfishness. As the Catechism teaches, Christ did not remove suffering but entered into it and transformed it from within (CCC 618).

Second, taking up the cross means participating in Christ's saving work. Through Baptism, we are united to Him, and our lives can share in His redemptive mission. St. Paul writes, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake... in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24). This does not mean Christ's sacrifice was insufficient. Rather, in His mercy, God allows us to participate in it by offering our struggles in love for others.

Third, the cross is a daily, concrete choice. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says we must take up our cross "daily." Most crosses are ordinary and hidden: patience with a difficult person, faithfulness in dry prayer, honesty when it costs us, forgiveness when resentment feels easier. These quiet sacrifices shape us into Christ's likeness more than dramatic moments ever could.

Fourth, the Cross always points to Resurrection. Jesus does not only go to Calvary, He goes to the empty tomb. Every cross embraced in faith opens onto new life. There is no true discipleship without the Cross—but there is no authentic cross without hope. Finally, love is the measure. To take up the Cross means to love as Christ loves—self-giving, faithful, and free. The cross reveals what love costs in a broken world. Following Jesus means accepting that cost with trust.

During Lent, these words become sharper. On Ash Wednesday we trace the cross on our foreheads and hear, "Remember that you are dust." Lent does not romanticize the cross. It reminds us that love costs something. The Cross we carry is rarely dramatic. More often, it is the daily work of conversion: choosing prayer over distraction, forgiveness over bitterness, humility over pride.

Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, we learn to unite our small sacrifices with Christ's great sacrifice. What feels like loss becomes a gift. What feels like weakness becomes participation in His saving love. The Cross stops being an obstacle and becomes a bridge.

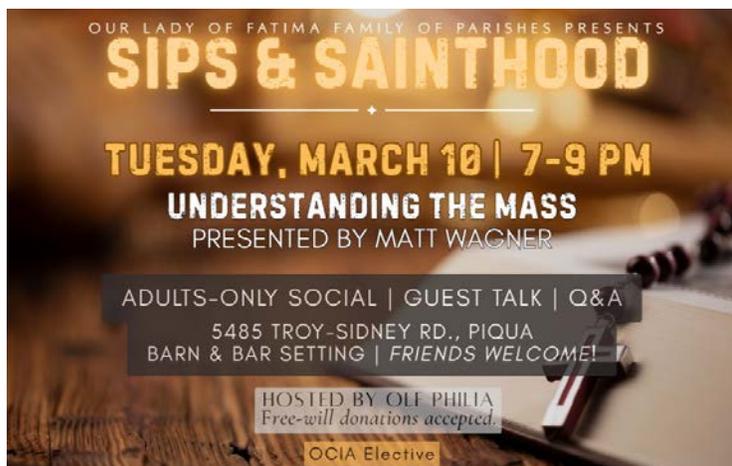
Yet, the Church doesn't point us to the Cross without pointing us to hope. Lent leads to Easter. When we take up our cross with Christ, we walk not toward darkness but toward Resurrection. Nothing offered in love is wasted. Beyond every Good Friday lies the promise of new life.



# OLF MINISTRIES

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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



OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS  
**SIPS & SAINTHOOD**  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 10 | 7-9 PM  
**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS**  
 PRESENTED BY MATT WAGNER

ADULTS-ONLY SOCIAL | GUEST TALK | Q&A  
 5485 TROY-SIDNEY RD., PIQUA  
 BARN & BAR SETTING | FRIENDS WELCOME!

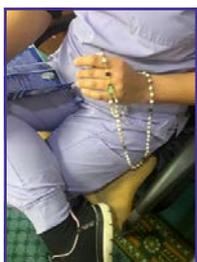
HOSTED BY OLF PHILIA  
 Free-will donations accepted.

OCIA Elective

### Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic faith through an inspiring series with a 20-session study filmed across 40 locations on four continents and in 10 countries, beautifully highlighting the universal richness of the Church. Each week, participants will watch engaging video presentations followed by lively group discussion and fellowship, offering a meaningful opportunity to deepen your understanding and grow in community. Join us at the Transfiguration Center, 3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls beginning March 17, 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., each Tuesday until the series concludes. To register, contact the Center at (937) 698-7180 or ron@fatima-family.org.

## OCIA



Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes gets to walk alongside "Inquirers" who are on their beautiful OCIA journeys. They have been taking classes, building fellowship with their cohort/class, learning from their paired mentors and the OCIA Core Team, assessing their faith individually with our priests, and gaining knowledge through "elective" learning opportunities throughout OLF.

They recently learned about several forms of prayer and were gifted blessed Rosaries from a generous and talented St. Patrick parishioner, Karrie Brown. Thank you, Karrie! As they pray and enter into the "Period of Purification & Enlightenment," would you please join in praying for them? More introductions to come!



**March 8 - First Scrutiny | St. Mary Catholic Church | 9:15 a.m.**

♥ Gospel: John 4 - Samaritan woman at the well

**March 15 - Second Scrutiny | St. Patrick Catholic Church | 9:30 a.m.**

♥ Gospel: John 9 - Healing of the man born blind

**March 22 - Third Scrutiny | Church of the Transfiguration | 10:00 a.m.**

♥ Gospel: John 11 - Raising of Lazarus

**Scrutinies** are the catechumenal rituals that mark the final preparation of candidates to receive the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).



### 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:



### 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.



# OLF MINISTRIES

## MUSIC & LITURGY

### By Matt Wagner, Director of Music & Liturgy

As Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church enters the Sacred Paschal Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil at the beginning of April, our liturgies will be enriched by musical selections that reflect the depth and character of these most-solemn celebrations of the liturgical year.

Among these selections is music drawn from the *Roman Missal*, the Church's official liturgical book containing the prescribed prayers, chants and instructions for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church (USCCB). Rooted in centuries of faith and artistry, these chants accompany some of the most sacred and symbolic actions of the Triduum, deepening our prayer and drawing us more fully into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

As you participate in the Paschal Triduum, listen for music from the Roman Missal in these moments:

- **Mandatum Antiphons** – sung during the Washing of the Feet (*Holy Thursday at St. Patrick*)
- **"Faithful Cross" (Crux Fidelis)** – sung during the Adoration of the Cross (*Good Friday at all churches*)
- **Solemn Alleluia and Psalm 118** – the acclamation before the Gospel (*Easter Vigil at St. Boniface*)

May this sacred music help us enter more deeply into these holy days and the saving mysteries they proclaim.

## CATHOLIC LOVE IN ACTION

Milton-Union Council of Churches is in need of two F.I.S.H. volunteer trustee positions. Please consider helping out this very needed organization within our township. If you are interested in learning any more or have questions, please contact Doug at pdkelchner@yahoo.com.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Group | **6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Grades 7-12

March 8

Transfiguration Youth Building

### TEEN DINNER PROVIDED!

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

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**



**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



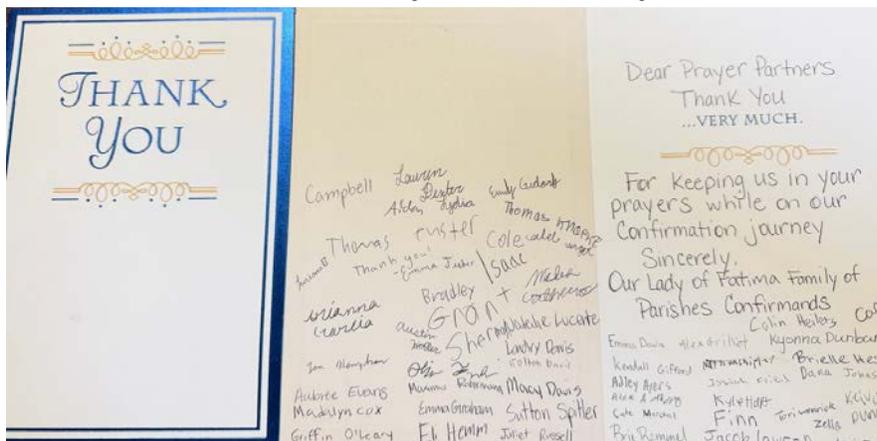
REMIND App - [Download the app](#) in order to see OLF Youth Ministry updates, notifications and announcements.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NEW SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be part of the Summer Camp Team! In June, there will be a three-day Bible Camp for age 4 through Kindergarten and a four-day camp for grades 1-5. Volunteers are needed for these fun events to happen! Responsible teenagers are welcome to volunteer, too. Please contact Susan Anderson at [susan@fatima-family.org](mailto:susan@fatima-family.org).

On behalf of our recent Confirmands,  
**THANK YOU** to Our Lady of Fatima's Prayer Partners!



# OLF CURRENT EVENTS



2/20	2/27	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
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!

**Our Lady of Fatima**  
 FAMILY OF PARISHES

## Stations of the Cross

**St. Teresa**      Sundays 6 PM  
**St. Patrick**      Fridays 7 PM  
*St. Patrick Catholic School*  
 Fridays 2:15 PM (not 3/6)

**Transfiguration**      Fridays 6:30 PM  
**St. Mary**              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

**Transfiguration's annual garage sale will be the first week in June. Stay tuned for item drop-off dates and volunteer opportunities. We appreciate your help before, during and after this event!**

On behalf of the family of Jim Koon, I would like to thank the St. Mary's Parish luncheon committee. Our family and friends were able to enjoy a delicious lunch because of these wonderful volunteers and chefs who give of their time for others. Our parish is fortunate to have such an outreach program. This is truly a significant sign of compassion from our parish members. I always tried to provide food when asked because you never know when you might need this extremely helpful program. Thank you again for this luncheon and for your kind thoughts and prayers. *Ruth Koon & Family*

## Art & Craft Night

**Project: Spring Wall Hanging**

Transfiguration Church  
 March 19 | 7:00 p.m.  
*All are welcome!*

Boards and paint will be provided. Please bring a small paperback book and Easter, spring, or floral decorations.  
 RSVP: [Jeanie@fatima-family.org](mailto:Jeanie@fatima-family.org)

## Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale

at Church of the Transfiguration

**During Doughnut Sunday**  
 Sunday, March 22 after both Masses

Congratulations, Bonnie and Doug Murray! You are the winners of the elegant "2026 Spring Dinner for Four" with special guests... the Our Lady of Fatima priests! This fundraiser raised \$6,100 for the St. Boniface / St. Mary Mission Group and its mission initiatives in Chile, Dominica and Guadalupe.

## OLF CURRENT EVENTS



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



**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 | **MARCH 21**

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

**Why:** To bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ.

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**

-Proverbs 27:17



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

## SCHOOLS



Lehman Catholic High School presents the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" on Thursday, March 19; Friday, March 20; and Saturday, March 21 at

the Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street in downtown Sidney. All performances begin at 7:00 p.m. Visit [sidneytheatre.org](http://sidneytheatre.org) to reserve your seat!



**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS  
NEEDED!**

Are you looking for a way to help the school?  
Do you want to help children grow in their faith?  
St. Patrick Catholic School needs additional substitute teachers!  
Contact Cyndi Cathcart, principal, if you are interested!  
(937)-339-3705 | [ccathcart@stpattroy.org](mailto:ccathcart@stpattroy.org)

## 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:*

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

William "Bill" Robert Platfoot (TR)    Curtis Bailey (SP)  
 Sheila Bushong (TR)                      James Koon (SM)  
 Eric Beckman (SP)                         Vernon J. Quinter (SB)

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

Elisa Boyd (SP)

## CHURCH/SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

*Thanks for your support & congrats!*

SP Weekly Raffle Winner 3/9  
 SP Monthly Raffle Winner - February  
 \$10-a-Month Club Raffle - February  
 Piqua Catholic Weekly Raffle 3/9-13

Troy Fish & Game  
 Beth Galdeen  
 Mark & Mary Lou Fierce  
 Tyler Bachman, Tracy McKinney,  
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## ST. BONIFACE

### Saturday, March 14 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Henry, M. Kemmer, M. Osbourne
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Daniel, J. Herbe, K. Warner, J. Ventura, L. Ventura
Lectors	J. White, T. Burnside
Sacristan	B. Daniel
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp

### Sunday, March 15 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Johns, K. Johns, M. Peterson
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Johnson, G. Johnson, B. Peltier, C. Peltier
Lectors	C. Murray, B. Murray
Sacristan	M. McDonald
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, J. Knapke, M. Cool

## ST. MARY

### Saturday, March 14 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Richard, G. Staley, Mark Bell, Jr.
Extraordinary Ministers	C. Nagengast, C. Oda, Sister Ginny, Volunteer
Lectors	M. Ford, G. Fulks
Sacristan	R. Holtvogt
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, R. Foster, Volunteer

### Sunday, March 15 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	S. Weiser, N. Bates, P. Bates
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Manson, E. Merrifield, D. Stonerock, K. Roberts
Lectors	J. Terry, R. O'Leary
Sacristan	D. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	J. Bertke, D. Francony, G. Peltier, J. Peltier

## ST. TERESA

### Sunday, March 15 – 7:30 a.m.

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

## ST. PATRICK

### Saturday, March 14 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	T. Behm, W. Behm
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, Dcn. John, K. Scott
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	S. Knight

### Sunday, March 15 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	T. Custer, W. Custer
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Custer, Dcn. John, B. Groff
Lector	K. Vendryes
Sacristan	L. Menker

### Sunday, March 15 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Andrejcio, A. Cianciolo, A. Cianciolo
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Cianciolo, K. Olberding, P. Smith, M. Purpus, J. Taylor
Lector	A. Andrejcio
Sacristan	P. Cartwright

### Sunday, March 15 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Rippey, C. Yahl
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Iames, M. Lauer, H. Spaide
Lector	C. Rohlf
Sacristan	J. Iames

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

### Sunday, March 15 – 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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