



*He is  
Risen*

EASTER 2024

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**Church of the Transfiguration**

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### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Entrance is at the back of St. Boniface.  
 Saturday, 5:00 a.m.-Thursday, 11:59 p.m.  
 Friday, 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

### ST. PATRICK

Wednesdays following morning Mass to 7:00 p.m.

### TRANSFIGURATION

Thursdays following morning Mass to 7:00 p.m.

## CHURCHES

**St. Boniface Catholic Church** **SB** 937-773-1656  
 310 S. Downing St., Piqua, OH 45356 www.piquaparishes.org  
 Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 Friday 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**St. Mary Catholic Church** **SM** 937-773-1327  
 528 Broadway St., Piqua, OH 45356 www.piquaparishes.org  
 Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church** **SP** 937-335-2833  
 409 E. Main St., Troy, OH 45373 www.stpattroy.org  
 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus** **ST** 937-473-2970  
 6925 W. US Rt. 36 www.stteresacovington.org  
 Covington, OH 45318  
 Hours by Appointment

**Church of the Transfiguration** **TR** 937-698-4520  
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 West Milton, OH 45383  
 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### NEW! BULLETIN ENTRIES

Bulletin content submissions are due two Thursdays prior to the weekend it's needed or sooner. See the one-stop OLF bulletin submission link on any of our church websites.

### CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**BAPTISM** Class is required, by appointment.

**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** To volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan compliant and registered with the SafeParish program.

**PARISHIONER CONTACT INFO** Be sure to keep your address, phone number and email up-to-date!

## OLF PASTORAL COUNCIL See page 3 for how to be involved

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
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| SB Teresa Burnside   | ST Duane Bachman              |
| SM Michelle Cox      | ST Bev Yount                  |
| SM Melissa Galbreath | ST Eric Vanderhorst           |
| SM Rob O'Leary       | TR Joe Fisher                 |
| SP Natalie Rohlfs    | TR Jerry Stutz                |
| SP Ryan Subler       | TR Robyn Gallegos – President |

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# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

| MASS TIME   | PARISH  | PRESIDER   | INTENTION  | READING  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>MONDAY, APRIL 29</b>   |   |  |  |  |
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.   | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Boniface  | Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. Jerry Bensman<br>Fr. Eric Bowman   | †William A. Smith<br>McEldowney Children<br>†Joe & Jeannette Maniaci   | St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church<br>Acts 14:5-18<br>Jn 14:21-26 |
| <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 30</b>  |   |  |  |  |
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.  | St. Patrick<br>St. Boniface<br>Transfiguration  | Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. James Duell<br>Fr. Isaiah Callan  | †Mary Hawkins<br>†Deceased of the Gertner & Cyphers Families<br>Living & Deceased of Hart & Hoening Family   | St. Pius V, Pope<br>Acts 14:19-28<br>Jn 14:27-31a                                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>   |   |  |  |  |
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.  | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Mary<br>St. Teresa  | Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. James Duell  | †Bonnie Rashilla<br>Purgatorian Mass<br>†Ron Miller<br>†Arthur Stephan, Jr.  | St. Joseph the Worker<br>Acts 15:1-6<br>Jn 15:1-8                                    |
| <b>THURSDAY, MAY 2</b>  |   |  |  |  |
| 8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.  | Transfiguration<br>St. Patrick<br>St. Boniface<br>St. Teresa  | Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. James Duell  | Living & Deceased of Platfoot & Greishop Family<br>†Paul Skikus<br>†Marilou Coverstone<br>†Elaine Christian  | St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church<br>Acts 15:7-21<br>Jn 15:9-11          |
| <b>FRIDAY, MAY 3</b>  |   |  |  |  |
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.   | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Mary  | Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. James Duell   | †J. Steven Tolle<br>†Robert Battson<br>†Dik Mikolajewski   | Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles<br>1 Cor 15:1-8<br>Jn 14:6-14                         |
| <b>SATURDAY, MAY 4</b>  |   |  |  |  |
| 8:30 a.m.<br>3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.   | St. Mary<br>St. Boniface \$<br>St. Patrick<br>St. Mary \$<br>Transfiguration  | Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. James Duell<br>Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. Isaiah Callan   | †Kay Finrock<br>†Gast & Burnetto Families<br>†Martha Thieman<br>†Jerry Richard<br>†Carrie Steele   | Acts 16:1-10<br>Jn 15:18-21  |
| <b>SUNDAY, MAY 5</b>  |   |  |  |  |
| 7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Teresa<br>St. Mary \$<br>St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Teresa<br>St. Boniface \$<br>St. Patrick | Fr. Joseph Kozar<br>Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. James Duell<br>Fr. Isaiah Callan<br>Fr. Eric Bowman<br>Fr. Steven Shoup<br>Fr. James Duell | †Jack Black<br>Living & Deceased of TR<br>†Rachelle Cordonnier<br>Living & Deceased of SM & SB<br>†Bob Rose<br>Poor Souls in Purgatory<br>Rindler/Pleiman Family<br>Happy 60th Anniversary, Doug & Dolores Latham<br>Living & Deceased of SP | 6th Sunday of Easter<br>Acts 10:25-26, 34-25, 44-48<br>1 Jn 4:7-10<br>Jn 15:9-17     |

\$ = 2nd Collection    **SM – Bethany Center**    **SB – Outreach**    † = 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).

## CONFESSIONS

| CHURCH                 | MONDAY | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY      | THURSDAY       | FRIDAY         | SATURDAY       |
|------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ST. PATRICK</b>     |        |                | 6:00-6:45 p.m. |                |                | 4:00-4:30 p.m. |
| <b>TRANSFIGURATION</b> |        |                |                | 6:00-7:00 p.m. |                | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| <b>ST. BONIFACE</b>    |        |                |                |                | 6:00-6:45 p.m. |                |
| <b>ST. MARY</b>        |        |                |                |                |                | 9:00 a.m.      |
| <b>ST. TERESA</b>      |        | 5:00-6:00 p.m. |                |                |                |                |

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS – VENERABLE LUCIA – THE LONELY MARIAN APOSTLE – PT. 7



Let's look at Sr. Lucia's life from the visit of the angel in 1916 to the Miracle of the Sun in October of 1917 and the death of her cousins. Lucia's beautiful childhood, her wonderful relationship with her mother would change drastically in 1917, when Blessed Jacinta announced to the village that they had seen the Beautiful Lady. Lucia's mother was horrified that her daughter would lie and deceive the village. She tried everything she could think of to convince Lucia to tell the truth. She even forcibly brought Lucia to the pastor to get Lucia to tell the truth. This encounter caused Lucia to struggle with the idea that the devil could be deceiving them. As she overcame the fear and doubt, then she had to overcome the local government that tried to prevent the children from seeing Our Lady in August, but also to find out the secret of Fatima. The government threatened to have them boiled alive in oil, threw them in jail and continued to threaten the children with death, but Lucia and her cousins remained firm in their obedience to the wishes of Mary. Lucia had to deal with three tragic deaths after the Miracle of the Sun in October of 1917. Francisco and Jacinta died shortly after the Miracle of the Sun: Francisco within two years and Jacinta in February 1920. Lucia's father passed away and she suffered greatly over his death. Her sorrow was compounded by the fact that he had been the one person in her family who defended her when everyone else doubted the apparitions.

After the death of her cousins and her father, Lucia was tormented by the endless interrogations and was in danger of falling victim to the epidemic that claimed the life of her cousins. Some people were concerned and even fearful for her life, that she might be kidnapped or even killed (remember the threats of the government) to silence her. People wanted to find a safe place for Lucia.

To make matters worse for her, the pastor left suddenly and many blamed Lucia. Sr. Lucia wrote of this in her memoirs:

"The good priest grew more and more displeased and perplexed with regard to the apparitions, until one day he finally left the town. The news spread that His Reverence had left because of me, because he did not want to assume any responsibility for the events. Since he was a zealous pastor, greatly loved by the people, I suffered a lot because of this. Some pious women when meeting me would vent their disgust by insulting me, and sometimes they would send me away with a few slaps and kicks."

Lucia would reveal in a footnote that the real reason for the priest leaving was because of a difficulty that arose with the parishioners over the building of a new church.

Trouble seemed to follow Lucia everywhere, as she wrote, "On these trips (when she was away from home) I didn't always meet with esteem or kindness. On one side, there were people who admired me and thought I was a saint, but there were always others who insulted me and called me a hypocrite, a visionary and a witch."



**OLF Pastoral Council Purpose:** Striving to be missionary disciples, Pastoral Council 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.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL** effectively unified with representation from all five churches this year! In preparation for the first term-limits expiring this coming summer, Pastoral Council wishes to extend an invitation for self-nomination. Please contact your church office manager by May 1 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 once per month, approximately eight to ten months per year. The term-limit is typically three years with consideration for renewal.*

### BONUS BULLETIN CONTENT

Troy and Piqua parishioners can find bonus bulletin content/info from outside of our family of parishes by visiting [www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins](http://www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins) and scrolling to the final page.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUBMIT BULLETIN CONTENT REQUESTS VIA THE NEW ONE-STOP, SIMPLE LINK!

Find the link on any of Our Lady of Fatima's church websites! There's now an easy-to-use Google Form for bulletin content submissions. The only method to submit, this will ensure consistency in the materials collected to help those submitting and those maintaining the entries. If you have a question, please call the Transfiguration office at 937-698-4520.

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| MARCH 2024                 | ST. BONIFACE    | ST. MARY          | ST. PATRICK      | ST. TERESA     | TRANSFIGURATION  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Monthly Sunday Offerings   | \$52,894        | \$41,228          | \$59,316         | \$9,139        | \$24,308         |
| Budget                     | \$38,500        | \$52,000          | \$64,583         | \$7,546        | \$27,354         |
| <b>Over (Under) Budget</b> | <b>\$14,394</b> | <b>(\$10,772)</b> | <b>(\$5,267)</b> | <b>\$1,593</b> | <b>(\$3,046)</b> |

A goal within Our Lady of Fatima's Pathway Plan (strategic plan) is to provide our parishioners regular and transparent fiscal information. A summary of weekly offerings for the previous month will be reported for each church within Our Lady of Fatima.

## MINISTRIES

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Please Pray for and Congratulate Our Lady of Fatima's First Communicants!** Congratulations to our school and parish second graders from Troy (46) who received the most beautiful physical Body and Blood of Christ during special Masses on April 20. Piqua's students will have a First Communion Mass on May 4. Transfiguration will have theirs on May 5.



**Our Lady of Fatima's Final CCD Classes** are noted here and will include an end-of-year party! Parents/guardians, please mark your calendars, as families are encouraged and invited to attend! Second graders are welcome to bring their special First Communion gifts that they would like to have blessed by our priest.

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| St. Patrick           | April 30 |
| St. Boniface/St. Mary | May 8    |
| Transfiguration       | May 7    |

**Parents, you are the most important teachers of your child's faith, and we have been proud to support your domestic church this year!** Stay tuned for next year's CCD enrollment and program information later this summer. Feel free to invite others whose students need this reliable, fun, sacramental and educational program. In the meantime, we'll be sure to greet you and your children with smiles at Sunday Masses!

**OCIA:** Enroll to become initiated into the Catholic Church through Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA).

**CCD:** Join us! Volunteer, inquire or register your child for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

Contact the Director of Religious Ed, Susan Anderson:  
sanderson@stpattroy.org | 937-335-2833, ext. 2006

### BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class for parents will be held Monday, May 13 at St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 3, 7:00 p.m. Please call Pat to register at 937-335-2833.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our newly-confirmed school and parish teens who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit this month!

Twenty-seven confirmed at St. Patrick and fifteen confirmed at St. Mary. Please pray for them and their beautiful faith journey, and encourage their continued participation in our Church community.



## NEW! AMP NIGHTS - ADORATION, MUSIC & PRAISE

Just for 8th-12th Graders!

**May: 5, 12, 19** | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Transfiguration Youth Room

There are still a few more opportunities remaining for Youth Ministry sessions this school year! All are welcome!

Youth Group – Grades 9-12: Sundays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**April 28**

Bosco Night – Grades 6-8: Mondays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**April 29 | May 6 | May 13 | May 20**

Held in the Transfiguration Youth Ministry building  
Questions: acanavan@stpattroy.org

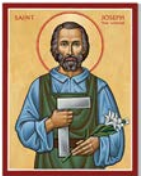
**Stay tuned for Our Lady of Fatima's Youth Ministry Summer Calendar in the coming weeks!**

# ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

## ST. CLARE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Praise God for all the blessings that come from the devotion of Adoration! We are blessed in so many ways – with this special place to visit almost anytime, with committed, original guardians since the inception of the chapel in 1990, and with several recent new, regular and substitute guardians from all over Our Lady of Fatima's region. Thank you!

**Consider this call for HELP! There is still a great need** for late evening substitutes along with regular and substitute guardians for overnight. Please prayerfully consider responding to this invitation to be a guardian once/twice per month, weekly or as a sub. To inquire about available hours, or to ask questions about St. Clare Chapel, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.



### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, the St. Boniface and St. Mary churches will continue the tradition of donating nonperishable food items to Bethany Center's Food Pantry. A St. Joseph Table will be set up at all Masses this weekend for donations.



### REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Leona Fulks** and **Jeannene Burnside**. May God grant them peace and grant comfort to their loved ones. Amen.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Piqua Catholic will induct Marilyn Hoban, former teacher, into the Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 5! To congratulate Marilyn on this significant achievement, please find slips of paper with the appropriate mailing address at the entrances of the two Piqua churches. Congratulations, Marilyn!

### PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

**April 22-26:** Sandy Curtis, Tom Garrity, Therese Roush, Teresa Anderson, Kathy Huemmer

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

### Saturday, May 4 – 3:30 p.m.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Altar Server            | C. Calvert, B. Daniel, F. Friend            |
| Extraordinary Ministers | B. Brush, K. Henne, J. Herbe, E. Merrifield |
| Lectors                 | J. Ventura, J. White                        |
| Sacristan               | B. Brush                                    |
| Ushers/Greeters         | C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny   |

### Sunday, May 5 – 11:00 a.m.

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Altar Servers           | I. Karn, K. Petty, L. Knapke                       |
| Extraordinary Ministers | B. Decknadel, D. Decknadel, K. Earhart, V. Pierson |
| Lectors                 | M. E. Buechter, E. Baker                           |
| Sacristan               | M. E. Buechter                                     |
| Ushers/Greeters         | Volunteer, J. Josefovsky, T. Jenkins, M. Cool      |

## PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

|                     |                 |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
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| Knights of Columbus | Dennis DeBrosse | 214-7945 |
| Knights of St. John | Doug Francony   | 214-4915 |

## MISSION COMMISSION

The Mission Commission committee will begin to accept their annual Rummage Sale items by appointment. Contact Don Stonerock at 937-773-2400 or Rose Hemm at 937-778-8642 to donate. Thank you for supporting the Mission Commission!

Join us! The next Mission Commission committee meeting will be April 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the North Street Campus cafeteria. We will discuss the Rummage Sale and a few other agenda items.

**The 11th Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Caserta Center, 218 S. Downing Street in Piqua.** There will be a food stand, St. Clara's Ladies Boutique and complimentary religious articles.

### \$7-A-MONTH CLUB WINNERS – APRIL

**Bob and Cathy Bogart**

## THANK YOU!

Adult Faith Formation shares thanks to parishioners for participating in the "Prayer Partners Program" for our 2024 OCIA participants and Confirmation students.

## ATTENTION



**St. Boniface is looking for volunteers to help clean the church once a month for around an hour.** Please call R. Webb at 937-570-1700. Leave a message and she'll get back with you. Any help will be appreciated! Thank you.

**Parents of small children who bring snacks to church:** Kindly check your area (floor and bench) before you leave and pick up what your children have dropped. Thank you!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

### Saturday, May 4 – 5:00 p.m.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Altar Servers           | A. Ford, M. Ford, S. Ford                 |
| Extraordinary Ministers | J. Bell, C. Cianciolo, A. Ford, P. Heater |
| Lectors                 | A. Epperly, M. Epperly                    |
| Sacristan               | A. Epperly                                |
| Ushers/Greeters         | R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers       |

### Sunday, May 5 – 9:00 a.m.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Altar Servers           | D. O'Leary, D. Richard, J. Richard            |
| Extraordinary Ministers | J. Bates, T. Buecker, D. Cecil, B. Karpinski  |
| Lectors                 | T. Anderson, C. Buecker                       |
| Sacristan               | D. Cecil                                      |
| Ushers/Greeters         | R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins |



Caption: St. John St. Lewis' original church destroyed by 2004 earthquake through its reconstruction

# “Twinning” Celebrates Its 10-Year Anniversary – Part 2

• 2014-2024 •

*A partnership with Piqua Mission Commission\*/Twinning Team and St. John/St. Lewis Parish in Portsmouth, Dominica*

**There is a dire need for our friends in Dominica to complete the ceiling and roof of the new St. John St. Lewis Church prior to approval of their official church consecration.** Among their own fundraisers, they have even launched an annual rummage sale like we do in Piqua to see this project to its completion! The Twinning Team returned from Dominica in January 2023 with a request to open the general appeal to our own parish community to assist. Here is a heartfelt letter from a native of Dominica, to you:

*Thank you for your friendship and support over the past 10 years in helping to rebuild our beloved St. John St. Lewis Roman Catholic Church in Portsmouth, Dominica. Thanks also to Father Eric for allowing me this opportunity to address a current need.*

*By way of introduction, I am Dr. Montgomery (Monty) Douglas, a native son of Dominica. Like many of my generation, I have moved away from Dominica due to limited opportunities. I currently serve as the Department Chair of Family and Community Medicine of the State University of New York.*

*When our parish church in Dominica was destroyed by an earthquake in 2004, it was devastating. That church is the center of our Catholic community in Portsmouth. I and several others in our New York area formed a rebuilding committee to assist...the New York Portsmouth Roman Catholic Church Rebuilding Initiative. We raised funds by holding Festivals and bazaars and whatever way we could to assist in the rebuilding effort.*

*The introduction of the Twinning Team for our parishes, under the direction of Father Tom Bolte and Father Herman Sharplis in 2014, has been a wonderful experience. Friendships have been formed, horizons have been broadened and the true Love of God has shown forth in the relationship. The Piqua Parishes' contributions of the window coverings, stained glass, statuary and pews provided a significant assist in completing the church. The church has been in full use since 2017.*

*...We are so close to final completion. The church mandates certain physical attributes be completed prior to the formal consecration of the facility...We need to complete the interior ceiling area and repair some roof damage prior to consecration. That is the need.*

*Our goal is to raise \$185,000 US (\$500,000 EC). If you are able, please consider a donation to assist. My understanding is that the donations can be put into the regular collection in an envelope marked “Twinning – Roof Repair.”*

*God bless you and all you do for St. John St. Lewis!*

*– Dr. Monty*

# ST. PATRICK

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

| Saturday, May 4 – 5:00 p.m. |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Altar Servers               | L. Barsotti, E. Kinsella                 |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | Dcn. J. Carlin, K. Clark, S. Clark       |
| Lector                      | S. Keller                                |
| Sacristan                   | S. Carlin                                |
| Sunday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.   |  |
| Altar Servers               | W. Koesters, W. Swan                     |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | B. Groff, Dcn. J. Carlin, R. Groff       |
| Lector                      | I. Voisard                               |
| Sacristan                   | J. Lehrter                               |
| Sunday, May 5 – 9:30 a.m.   |  |
| Altar Servers               | B. Bass, A. Knapke, E. Taylor            |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | S. Behm, T. Muir, P. Smith, K. Olberding |
| Lector                      | A. Andrejcio                             |
| Sacristan                   | J. Taylor                                |
| Sunday, May 5 – 11:30 a.m.  |  |
| Altar Servers               | H. Brasher, M. Cathcart, C. Tremblay     |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | A. Tremblay, J. Iiames, M. B. Rindler    |
| Lector                      | G. Rinehart                              |
| Sacristan                   | J. Iiames                                |

## ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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shastings@woh.rr.com

## WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

April 15 – Todd Severt

## WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Jack Thomas Ramsey,  
son of David & Gina (Barlage) Ramsey

## WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Kenneth Nash, sons Levi & Brice  
Beth Galdeen

*Thank You!*

On behalf of the Mencsik Family, thank you to all who were able to send Fr. John Mencsik a card to celebrate his 50th Anniversary as a Precious Blood Priest. We saw him on March 25, and he had already received more than 25 cards – We have not seen him so happy! Thanks again!

– Charlie & Rita Mencsik

## ATTENTION WOMEN OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Are you looking for a way to meet other women members of our parish and increase your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Join the W.E. Discuss (Women's Enrichment Discussion Group) which meets the first and third Mondays of each month, September-May. Meetings are held in the Art Room, second floor, of StoryPoint in Troy.

9:00-9:30 a.m. Coffee and socializing  
9:30-11:00 a.m. Discussion of faith-related topics

We would love to have you join! For more info, contact Rosemary at 937-339-7926 or Mary at 937-339-5286.



## ST. TERESA



A Special “Thank-you” to everyone who came to the April 5 Seniors Alive! event. We were blessed to have 83 people join us including volunteers. Our program was a very interesting story of the Covington Hospital, as taken from the pages of the 1926 Stillwater Valley News. It was then followed by the story of Covington Building & Loan moving into the building, as presented by Ron Sutherland, CEO of Covington Savings & Loan.

The Seniors Alive! Meeting for May 3 will feature the Senior Center Singers, a group who sings 50's and 60's music. Ladies attending are invited to wear their poodle skirts, white bobby socks and saddle shoes. Men, do you have your button-down shirt, dark jeans and blue suede shoes dusted off?

Make your reservation; call Kay McKinney at 937-473-2767 no later than April 30. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call to cancel it. Seniors Alive! is held at the Covington Church of the Brethren, 101 N. Wall Street, Covington. The Church is handicap accessible at the Wall Street entrance. *Supported by the Roy Weikert Trust Fund and thank you to our volunteers who help make this possible!*



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

#### Sunday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Altar Server           | Need Volunteer     |
| Extraordinary Minister | D. Otte            |
| Lector                 | D. Otte            |
| Ushers                 | A. Otte, J. Walter |

#### Sunday, May 5 – 10:30 a.m.

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Altar Server           | Need Volunteer      |
| Extraordinary Minister | J. Meyer            |
| Lector                 | Need Volunteer      |
| Ushers                 | A. Hoying, J. Meyer |

### ST. TERESA CONTACTS

|                        |                  |              |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Shelter Rentals</b> | Alex Moore       | 937-418-8884 |
| <b>Prayer Chain</b>    | Anne Vanderhorst | 937-473-5497 |

## TRANSFIGURATION

### THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Transfiguration Church is in need of Adorers! This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” – **Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae**

Eucharistic Adoration begins after morning Mass (about 8:45 a.m.) and ends with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at any time, but these are hours with the greatest need:

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | 1:00-2:00 p.m. | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | 3:00-4:00 p.m. | 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

Contact the office: 937-698-4520 | [office@tchurch.org](mailto:office@tchurch.org) to commit one hour a week.  
Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His divine peace in your heart.

“Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you...” – **1 Peter 5:7**

# TRANSFIGURATION

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

| Saturday, May 4 – 5:00 p.m. |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Altar Servers               | O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison         |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | V. Daum, K. Kehrer, F. Francis               |
| Lector                      | J. Volk                                      |
| Sacristan                   | C. Crabtree                                  |
| Ushers                      | C. Crabtree, G. Steele, M. Sergy, J. Cetnar  |
| Sunday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.   |  |
| Altar Servers               | M. Desch                                     |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | R. Gallegos, E. Hummel, R. Dzendzel          |
| Lector                      | G. Mergler                                   |
| Sacristan                   | R. Dzendzel                                  |
| Ushers                      | D. Brown, A. Brown, B. Beaver, Volunteer     |
| Sunday, May 5 – 10:00 a.m.  |  |
| Altar Servers               | Volunteers                                   |
| Extraordinary Ministers     | T. Fisher, D. Miller, M. Schubert            |
| Lectors                     | M. Hummel, M. Olenchuk                       |
| Sacristan                   | R. Dzendzel                                  |
| Ushers                      | L. C. August, R. Winkler, E. Barga, S. Barga |

## TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

|                             |                  |              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Prayer Chain</b>         | Shelly Thompson  | 937-698-4520 |
| <b>Altar Rosary Society</b> | Rosalie Dzendzel | 937-698-3251 |
| <b>Men's Prayer Group</b>   | Mike Schubert    | 937-776-9082 |
| <b>Homebound Ministry</b>   | Mary Allen       | 937-269-2558 |
| <b>Street Saints</b>        | Jeanne White     | 937-829-5147 |

## “EXPLAINING THE FAITH”

The “Explaining the Faith” video series with Fr. Chris Alar will continue at Transfiguration on Wednesday mornings. Come to the conference room after 8:15 a.m. Mass (approximately 8:45 a.m.) to view the series, enjoy discussion and light refreshments.

Contact the office with questions:  
937-698-4520 | office@tchurch.org.

## STREET SAINTS



Street Saints, a ministry to aid the homeless and those in need in our area, is in need of soap, shampoo, washcloths and socks. Gently used clothing items are always welcome.

Please drop these items in the vestibule box marked “Street Saints.” Thank you.

# TRANSFIGURATION CENTER

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, May 3 | 9:30 a.m | Transfiguration Center, 3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls 45339

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: DISCOVERING THE MASTER PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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The study begins on May 7 at 10:00 a.m. for the morning session and May 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the evening. Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal at 3505 Calumet Road. For more information or to register, contact 937-698-7180 or rmills@transfigurationcenter.com. Hope you can join us!

## DAY OF RENEWAL



### *“The Messages of Fatima for Our Times”*

**Speaker:** Mother Marie-Cecile of the Trinity

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024

**Times:** Mass 8:15 a.m. | Rosary after Mass | Program 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy to close the day

**Where:** Holy Family Catholic Church  
Frenchtown 11255 OH-185, Versailles, OH 45380

Light lunch and water will be provided

\*Free will donation will be accepted.

Church is air conditioned. You may want to bring a sweater or wrap.

**RSVP:** Reservations are required by May 1, 2024 to reserve your spot.

**Contact:** Ginny Metzcar

call: 937-916-5020 | text: 937-417-1305 | email: gmetzcar47@gmail.com



### **HIGH SCHOOLERS: JOIN US AT UD FOR WAYFINDERS – JUNE 21-24, 2024!**

Wayfinders is a summer program in Catholic theology aimed at rising sophomores, juniors and seniors who want to go deeper into their faith or want to explore questions about faith. The program allows high schoolers to earn a one college credit that fits into Religious Studies and Theology programs at UD. Registration is \$150, which includes a four-day stay on UD's campus, all materials, excursions, meals, swag and fun! Use the QR code, or visit [go.udayton.edu/cit](http://go.udayton.edu/cit) to learn more/register by May 15!

## KAREN HOMAN – MIRACLE GARDEN

Karen Homan, who was inspired by the Holy Spirit to build the Do Good Restaurant, located at 25 Main Street in Osgood, will be giving her testimony on how the Holy Spirit has given her further inspiration to include a “miracle garden” on the property.

Each weekday evening, April 30 through May 10 there will be a presentation of the garden plans with a couple of statues that have been purchased for the garden. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include a three-course meal. The event will support the addition of the “miracle garden.” No cost to attend, but a free-will donation is suggested at the end of the evening.

Reservations are required. Please contact Karen Homan at 567-644-5255 to attend!



## “MARY IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION”

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an integral component of Catholic educational culture as both a subject of teaching and an exemplar for educators. In this exhibit, teacher education students at the University of Dayton use materials from the Marian Library's collections to explore how Catholic ideals have been shared with different audiences through various media.

**Dates:** Open now through June 28, 2024

**Cost:** Free, open to the public

**Location:** University of Dayton Roesch Library (first-floor gallery and the Marian Library, seventh floor)

**Parking/Other:** [go.udayton.edu/mary-in-catholic-ed](http://go.udayton.edu/mary-in-catholic-ed)

**Hours:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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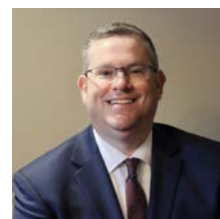
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