



OUR Lady of Fatima FAMILY of PARISHES

DECEMBER
8
2024

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES ACCOMPANIES PEOPLE IN BECOMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST THROUGH COMMUNITY, SACRAMENTS, SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER.

Behold

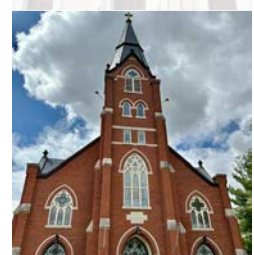
A VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHE WILL CALL HIS NAME.

Emmanuel

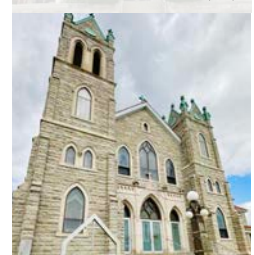
THE SEASON OF ADVENT, 2024



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)

PRIESTS & DEACONS

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Eric Bowman, Pastor	Saturday	3:30 PM	SB
Fr. Isaiah Callan, Vicar	Saturday	5:00 PM	SM, SP, TR
Fr. James Duell, Vicar	Sunday	7:30 AM	ST, SP, TR
Fr. Steven Shoup, Vicar	Sunday	9:00 AM	SM
Fr. Joseph Kozar, Sunday Associate	Sunday	9:30 AM	SP
Dcn. John Carlin	Sunday	10:00 AM	TR
Dcn. Jim Niswonger	Sunday	10:30 AM	ST
	Sunday	11:00 AM	SB
	Sunday	11:30 AM	SP

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Entrance is at the back of St. Boniface.
 Saturday, 6:00 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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CHURCHES

St. Boniface Catholic Church SB 937-773-1656
 310 S. Downing Street, 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 Street, 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 Street, 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
 972 S. Miami St. www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org
 West Milton, OH 45383
 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

SB Jill Hudgel	SP Ryan Subler
SB Teresa Burnside	ST Duane Bachman
SB Tara Carter	ST Alex Moore
SM Michelle Cox	ST Bev Yount
SM Melissa Galbreath	TR Joe Fisher
SM Rob O'Leary	TR Jerry Stutz
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SP Jennifer Kloeker	

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION				
7:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Families of St. Patrick Parish	Gn 3:9-15, 20
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. John MacQuarrie	† P. O. Joseph	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	Living & Deceased of the Platfoot & Grieshop Families	Lk 1:26-38
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Mike Terry	
12:10 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†David Burnside	
7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Evan & Kaili Smith Wedding	
7:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
7:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Don Stephenson	
7:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Leroy Marchal	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Charles Brown, Sr.	Our Lady of Loreto
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of the Bertke & Walker Families	Is 40:1-11
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	†Brian Sommer	Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Dave Cartwright	St. Damasus I, Pope
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. John MacQuarrie	Purgatorian Mass	Is 40:25-31
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Irene Vavroch	Mt 11:28-30
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Rita & Greg Holthaus	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	John & Anita Ankerman Family	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	James & AJ Holter	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Joe Thoma, III	Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Dee Couchman	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Lester Niekamp	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Dr. Donald & Mary Lintner	Is 48:17-19
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. James Duell	†Helen Jacomet	Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Minnie Albano	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joseph Kozar	Beverly Nally	Mt 17:9a, 10-13
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Shirley Kiefer	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	Marian Pact	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Alton Ording	Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. John MacQuarrie	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	Zep 3:14-18a
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	Clark Family	Phil 4:4-7
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Sue Anthony	Lk 3:10-18
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Jack Black	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of TR	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of ST	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface \$	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Nancy Caserta	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Gene Gretch	

\$ = 2nd Collection – SM – Help-A-Student SB – Maintenance † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
 All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

CONFESSIONS

In this season of preparing ourselves and our souls ahead of Christmas, Our Lady of Fatima's priests are pleased to extended Confession opportunities during the Season of Advent. As of December 3, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be as follows:

CHURCH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PATRICK			5:00-7:00 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
TRANSFIGURATION				5:00-7:00 p.m.		4:00-4:30 p.m.
ST. BONIFACE					6:00-8:00 p.m.	
ST. MARY						9:15 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-7:00 p.m.				

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ERIC BOWMAN’S RAMBLINGS – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

St. John the Baptist is the son of Saints Zachariah and Elizabeth and the last great Old Testament prophet. He is the *harbinger* of Jesus Christ. So, what does it mean to say that John was a harbinger for Christ? We can find the answer in today’s Gospel, “A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Luke 3:4)

In our age of the New Evangelization, Saint John the Baptist is an example of one who preached with passion, strength, humility and courage. He was not afraid, even in the face of grave danger, to speak the truth and prepare the way for Jesus Christ. As John the Baptist preached, so must we also speak in the ways associated with our God-given gifts, the same dynamic message in our current culture – a culture that says anything and everything is okay as long as it makes you feel good, a motto frequently professed by King Herod.

And, as if St. John the Baptist wasn’t enough of an example for us, many of us remember the papacy of Pope St. John Paul II, who in the face of grave danger from the Nazis, and even more so, the Socialists, stood toe-to-toe with them and defeated them by preaching the truth of Jesus Christ. Now a saint counted among the greats of the Catholic Church, John Paul II stands for us as the pope of the New Evangelization and an example of what it means to preach the Gospel message in a world hostile to Jesus Christ.

With this being said, here are a couple of quotes from Pope St. John Paul II’s about Saint John the Baptist and his relations to Jesus Christ:

“Look today to John the Baptist, an enduring model of fidelity to God and his Law. John prepared the way for Christ by the testimony of his word and his life. Imitate him with docile and trusting generosity.”


“Saint John the Baptist is above all a model of faith. Following the example of the great Prophet Elijah, in order to listen more attentively to the word of the one Lord of his life, he leaves everything and withdraws to the desert, from which he would issue the resounding call to prepare the way of the Lord.”

“He is a model of uprightness and courage in defending the truth, for which he was prepared to pay in his person, even to the point of imprisonment and death.”

“You, dear young people, be brave and free! Do not let yourselves be taken in by the deceptive mirages of an easy happiness. Follow the way of Christ: He is demanding, certainly, but he alone can help you to savour the full meaning of life and enjoy peace of heart.”

“You, dear parents, prepare the way of the Lord before your children. Bring them up with love, and set a good example by living the principles you teach. And you, teachers and leaders of society, deepen your commitment to promoting the complete development of the human person, fostering in the young a deep sense of justice and of solidarity with the less fortunate.”

Holy Day of Obligation - Monday, December 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

	St. Boniface	St. Mary	St. Teresa	St. Patrick	Transfiguration
	7:00 AM			Fr. Isaiah Callan	
	8:30 AM		Fr. Steve Shoup School	Fr. John MacQuarrie School	Fr. Jerry Bensman
	12:10 PM	Fr. Eric Bowman			
	7:00 PM		Fr. Eric Bowman	Fr. Jim Duell	Fr. Isaiah Callan* Ad orientem, Candlelight

* = Incense



CHECK OUT FORMED!

If you are looking for good Catholic programs, movies, books and resources for you and your family, be sure to check out FORMED. It is a free gift to Our Lady of Fatima parishioners from the parish – please take advantage of it! Visit: stpattroy.formed.org. Simply enter “St. Patrick, Troy, OH,” your name and email. Everyone can use it!

BULLETIN INFO

Find the **BULLETIN SUBMISSION** link on any of Our Lady of Fatima’s church websites! 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.

Troy and Piqua parishioners can **FIND BONUS BULLETIN CONTENT** from outside of our family of parishes by visiting www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins and scrolling to the final page.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIESTS' WEEKEND MASS ROTATION November - December 2024

Fr. Eric Bowman	St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Covington 7:30AM, 10:30AM
Fr. Jim Duell	Church of the Transfiguration West Milton 5PM, 7:30AM, 10AM
Fr. Isaiah Callan	St. Boniface / St. Mary Piqua SB 3:30PM, 11AM SM 5PM, 9AM
Fr. Steve Shoup Sun. Assoc. Fr. Kozar	St. Patrick Troy 5PM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM



Daily Masses (weekdays/Saturday morning) will remain the same.

GIVING TREES



Remember to return your wrapped Giving Tree gifts to St. Boniface, St. Mary, St. Teresa, Transfiguration and St. Patrick! Thank you for sharing your love, prayers and gifts with those less fortunate in our community this season of giving.



CALLING ALL MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THEIR FAITH AND LEAD THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES

Who: Men of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

What: Eucharistic Adoration & Men's Fellowship

When: 3rd Saturdays | 7:00 AM | **DECEMBER 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

TAX ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

This year-end giving season, should you or your tax advisor require a tax acknowledgement letter for your charitable giving to church, please contact your Church Office to request that.

2024 Christmas Flower Tributes

Our Lady of Fatima's churches will be decorated beautifully with seasonal flowers for Christmas in thanks to our parishioners who make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one. Thank you!

EXTRA TRIBUTE FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCHES.

- ★ Be sure to print names clearly, and mark your envelope/gift "Christmas Flowers."
- ★ Return it promptly to the Church Office/collection basket **by Wednesday, December 11** to be included in the bulletin memorial listing.
- ★ If funds exceed flower expenses they will be allocated for the church environment.
- ★ If you make a gift online through a church website, be sure to contact the Church Office Manager to let her know that your submitted gift is restricted for "Christmas Flowers."

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE CHURCH IT PERTAINS TO: St. Boniface | St. Mary | St. Patrick | St. Teresa

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.Y.O. VOLLEYBALL

CALLING ALL 4th, 5th & 6th grade girls!
Must be a member of a church within Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes or attend St. Patrick or Piqua Catholic Schools

When: Jan. through March 2025. Games on Saturdays & Sundays.
(possible weekday game.) Games at local parishes within the Dayton area.

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

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

Sign ups due by December 15th
Contact: Amanda Unger, @
amandakunger@gmail.com

Friendly competition with other local parishes!

NOVEMBER WINNERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Monthly Raffle

3rd Prize = 126797...\$63
2nd Prize = 600778...\$126
1st Prize* = 002147...\$368

The color-match ticket was *Yellow so the Rollover Pot bonus was not won.
CLAIM PRIZES BY 12/23/24!

When color-match doesn't win or if prizes aren't claimed, money goes to the Rollover Pot for next month!

NEXT RAFFLE AFTER ALL OLF MASSES 12/28-12/29!

MINISTRIES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

OCIA: Is God calling upon you? If you (or someone you know) is interested in having a deeper relationship with God through the Catholic faith, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program is the place to begin. Call one of Our Lady of Fatima's five churches, or send questions/interest to sanderson@stpattroy.org.

Your child is welcome!

Register your K-8th grade student for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

Questions: sanderson@stpattroy.org | 937-335-2833, ext. 2006

OLF K-6TH CCD PROGRAMS

K-6th | ST. PATRICK | TUESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

K-6th | TRANSFIGURATION | WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

OLF 7TH-8TH CCD CONFIRMATION PREP

7th-8th | ST. PATRICK | SUNDAYS, 5:00-6:00 P.M. (Rec time, 4:30 p.m.)

7th-8th | TRANSFIGURATION | WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 P.M. (Rec time, 5:30 p.m.)

🔥 This is a special time, forming your child's faith journey with the Holy Spirit! 🔥

**Youth Ministry programs for all local school and Catholic school students.*

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

Transfiguration Youth Building

Led by Your Core Team:

Fr. Callan, Louis Gaier, Grace Dexter, Dan Pearson, Tara Gerding
Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Faith & the Eucharist

Bosco Nights* | Grades 6, 7 & 8 Only! | Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Transfiguration Youth Building

Led by Your Bosco Team:

Deanna Rohlfs, Jaci Taylor, Bailey Cooper, Bao Duong, Dylan Taylor
Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Saints & Faith

St. John Bosco, pray for us! Parishioners, pray for our young people!

Sunday, 12/8 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at St. Pat's

Sunday, 12/8 – High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/9 – Holy Day – Immaculate Conception

Monday, 12/9 – Instead of Bosco Night: All 6-8th grade students are

invited to 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Mass at St. Pat's. Meet in the church undercroft at 6:50 p.m. Seats will be reserved, too.

Wednesday, 12/11 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at Transfig

Sunday, 12/15 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at St. Pat's

Sunday, 12/15 – High School Youth Group

Monday, 12/16 – Bosco Night

Wednesday, 12/18 – 7/8th Gr. CCD at Transfig

🎄 **Christmas Break** 🎄

CCD, Bosco Night and HS Youth Group will resume Sunday, January 5.

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

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Knights of Columbus	Dennis DeBrosse	937-214-7945
Knights of St. John	Doug Francony	937-214-4915

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

December 2-December 6 – Cheryl Herbe, Vicki Pierre, Debbie & John Owsiany, Larry & Barb Coffing, Eve Voisinnet



BETHANY CENTER

December will be St. Mary's month for donations to the Bethany Center Food Pantry. Bethany Center clients are especially in need of canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew and fruit. Other items needed are spaghetti, pasta sauce, fruit juice, broth, gravy, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, mac 'n cheese, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, boxed dinners, instant potatoes, noodles, popcorn and corn bread mix. Non-perishables are always appreciated, such as: toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Drop your items to the designated area at either church, or call Bethany Center at 937-615-9762 to deliver directly there. Thank you for helping others in our community.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Ornaments are provided for our parishes for individuals to select and purchase items needed for the boutiques at Elizabeth's New Life Center. Mothers and fathers can take parenting classes at the center to earn points to "purchase" items from the boutique. Ornaments are on St. Mary and St. Boniface's Giving Trees. Return items by the weekend of December 14-15. Please support these women who have chosen the gift of life for their unborn children.

ST. BONIFACE/ST. MARY PARISHES' NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your news for the winter (January, February, March) issue of our Parishes' Newsletter by Monday, December 16. All parish members/groups are invited to contribute to our quarterly newsletter. You can report on previous activities or promote upcoming ones. News, including photos, can be emailed to jnrhemm@yahoo.com, phoned in (778-8642), or dropped off at the parish offices. Thanks!

AND: To receive the parishes' newsletter electronically, please send email address(es) to piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com or contact the parish offices. Thanks.

Join the 2025 \$7-a-Month Club to benefit OLF Religious Education! The 2025 Membership Enrollment Form is at the Doors of Church.

– A Piqua Parishes Tradition, Now an Open for All Churches –

*Your enrollment as a \$7-a-Month Club Member directly enhances
Our Lady of Fatima Religious Education programs!*

MEMBERSHIP PERKS:

- ★ **Automatic entry into monthly \$25 raffle**
Winners announced in the Our Lady of Fatima bulletin | Check mailed to the winner's home
- ★ **Invitation for up to two people to the annual Membership Dinner**
- ★ **Reverse Raffle Entry for prizes up to \$500 at the Membership Dinner**
Save-the-Date | 2025 Membership Dinner | December 6, 2025

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, December 14 – 3:30 p.m.	
Altar Servers	F. Friend, R. Henry, M. Osborne
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Pierson, J. Ventura, L. Ventura, R. Webb
Lectors	S. Wise, J. White
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny
Sunday, December 15 – 11:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	N. Bates, F. Friend, K. Johns
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Mary Alice, V. Pierson, A. Polakowski, Dcn. Jim
Lectors	K. Rank, L. Graham
Sacristan	M. McDonald
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, December 14 – 5:00 p.m.	
Altar Servers	A. DiPace, Keivon'te & Kyonna Dunbar
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Kiefer, J. Mikolajewski, C. Nagengast, S. Ginny
Lectors	E. Merrifield, B. Karpinski
Sacristan	B. Elliott
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, Volunteers
Sunday, December 15 – 9:00 a.m.	
Altar Servers	S. Weiser, K. Lee, E. Hess
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Coffing, M. Mertz, D. Stonerock, G. Stonerock
Lectors	R. Foster, T. Foster
Sacristan	D. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

ST. PATRICK



PARTNERS IN HOPE

Return your Partners in Hope donated items to the entrance of St. Patrick by December 9! Toys are being requested for ages 0–12. For the teens 13+ and senior citizens, gift cards in amounts up to \$50 to Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, Amazon and Kohls are welcomed or \$5 stocking stuffers for local shops and restaurants. Full-size toiletry items (shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) are appreciated so that they can also be distributed the night of the annual Christmas Shop! Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

December 2 – **Alven Osting**
 Month of November – **The Johnson Family**

*Raffle winners are announced in the bulletin two weeks after the drawing. Winners are notified separately.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, December 14 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	T. Custer, N. Rocke
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, Dcn. J. Carlin, K. Scott
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	S. Knight

Sunday, December 15 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Kelleher, D. Russel
Extraordinary Ministers	A. McDonough, K. Jent, T. Jent
Lector	C. Bockey
Sacristan	S. Gudorf

Sunday, December 15 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Cianciolo, C. C. Subler, J. Subler
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Cianciolo, K. Olberding, P. Smith
Lector	M. Gifford
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, December 15 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	L. Barsotti, C. Tremblay
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Tremblay, H. Spaide, N. Tremblay
Lector	S. Pellegrino
Sacristan	J. Iames

ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

Facilities Use	Pat Cartwright pcartwright@stpattroy.org	937-335-2833, ext. 2002
Prayer Chain	Sue Hastings shastings@woh.rr.com	937-339-2945

WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Jacqueline Kay Harris,
 daughter of Kyle & Julie (Kathman) Harris

New St. Patrick Server Training

For **NEW** St. Patrick Catholic Church Altar Servers!
 Must select two sessions. Fourth grade and older.



	DATE	TIME
ST. PATRICK	12/2/24	6:30-7:30 PM
	12/16/24	6:30-7:30 PM
	1/6/25	6:30-7:30 PM
	1/13/25	6:30-7:30 PM
	1/20/25	6:30-7:30 PM

Please RSVP!
Must sign up for two training sessions.

RSVP - Jonathan Bade
 jbadepharmd@gmail.com

ST. TERESA



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join us for decorating St. Teresa Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after 10:30 a.m. Mass. All ages are welcome! Come, enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season!

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

Shelter Rentals	Alex Moore	937-418-8884
Prayer Chain	Anne Vanderhorst	937-473-5497

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, December 15 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 15 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	D. Boehringer
Lector	M. Coate
Ushers	L. Coate, A. Meyer



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Asa Swabb**. May God grant him peace and grant comfort to his loved ones. Amen.

TRANSFIGURATION

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Prayer Chain	Melinda Wanat	937-698-4520
Altar Rosary Society	Rosalie Dzendzel	937-698-3251
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Schubert	937-776-9082
Homebound Ministry	Mary Allen	937-269-2558
Welcome Committee	Donna Mergler	937-760-1389

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, December 14 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, F. Francis, C. Crabtree
Lector	C. Serey
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	K. Kleman, T. Paxton, K. Serey, J. Cetnar

Sunday, December 15 – 7:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Platfoot, M. Schubert
Lectors	R. Latino, J. Fisher
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	J. Artin, E. Hummel, R. Winkler

WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Eleanor Helen Henson,
daughter of David and Haleigh (Hubbell) Henson



Cookie Exchange!

Transfiguration Parish Hall
Thursday December 12
7 - 8:30 PM

There will also be games, food and fun!

-Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies or individual desserts, copies of the recipe to share and an empty container to fill with your new cookies!

Contact Shelly with questions
937-901-0016

TRANSFIGURATION

TRANSFIGURATION WELCOME COMMITTEE

Are there new people coming to our church? Do you know someone who wants to come back? We would love to send them a welcome packet to get connected, so they can learn more about Transfiguration.

Contact Joe or Donna Mergler: 937-760-1389
j.mergler@yahoo.com | donnamergler@hotmail.com.



HELPING HANDS

Transfiguration is collaborating with the other Milton-Union Council of Churches to collect food to assist the needy in our area through the "Holiday Helping Hands" program. Our task is to donate 100 boxes of cereal before December 11. Please leave your donations in the special container in the vestibule. Thank you! If you know of a family needing a holiday food box through "Helping Hands," contact the Church Office at 937-698-4520 or office@tchurch.org.

TRANSFIGURATION CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



Thank you to the attendees, volunteers, donors and friends who made the annual Nativity Scene and Christmas Event so magical at the Lange Estate! A special thanks to Ron Mills and Lange Estate staff for organizing the beautiful event.



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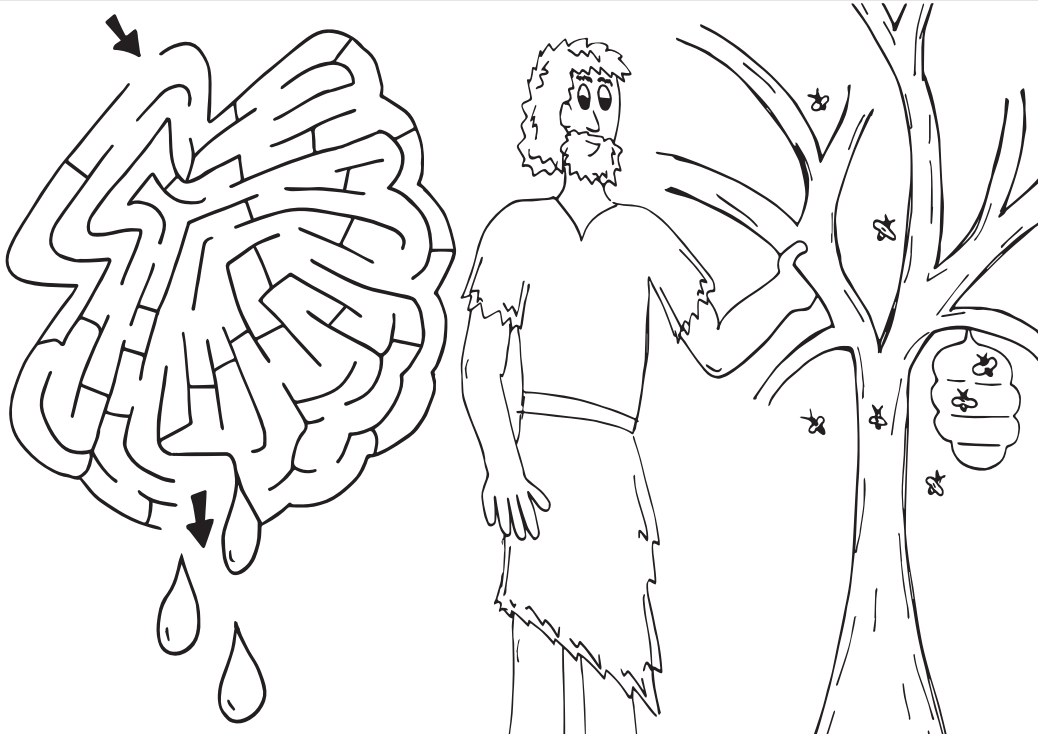


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Countdown
to Jesus'
Birthday...
3
Sundays!



John the Baptist baptized people so they would be ready to see God. He said, "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

Year C: Second Sunday of Advent

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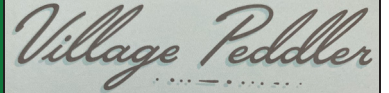
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