

“And the  
*Word*  
became flesh and  
*dwelt*  
among us.”

- John 1:14



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### 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.

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**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!

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SB Tara Carter	ST Alex Moore
SM Michelle Cox	ST Bev Yount
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# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 23</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. John MacQuarrie	Poor Souls of Purgatory	St. John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Jerry Bensman	†Greg & Henrietta Coughlin	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Julie Ventura	
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>				
3:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Sekas & Miller Families	Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
4:00 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Steven Shoup	Deceased of the Penny & Seagraves Families	
4:00 p.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Dick Yount	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Joseph Kozar	†Helen Bomhard	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. John MacQuarrie	Leighton Ankerman	
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Hannah O'Leary	
10:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Joe Caserta	
12:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Robert and Ruth Koverman	
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>				
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Paul Gutmann	Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
9:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Purgatorian Mass	
9:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†Elaine Christian	
10:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Irene Jacomet	
10:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Paul Hoening	St. Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric Bowman	†John Zimmerman	
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Thomas Olds	
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. James Duell	†John & Boots Speer	
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Ed Phelps	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Bob Huffman	
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. James Duell	†Barb Stephan	
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28</b>				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Jones & Vavroch Parents	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Naas Family	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Charlie Drapp	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of TR	
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Living & Deceased of SP	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. James Duell	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	Living & Deceased of ST	
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Jan Hissong	
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	Lawrence and Eleanor Huter & Family	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steven Shoup	Matt & Melissa Ankerman	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Eric Bowman	†Ron Vanderhorst	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Marlene Weigel	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steven Shoup	†Gary Groff	

\$ = 2nd Collection   † = In Memoriam   \* = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass  
All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: [transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot](http://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
<b>ST. PATRICK</b>			5:00-7:00 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
<b>TRANSFIGURATION</b>				5:00-7:00 p.m.		4:00-4:30 p.m.
<b>ST. BONIFACE</b>					6:00-8:00 p.m.	
<b>ST. MARY</b>						9:15 a.m.
<b>ST. TERESA</b>		5:00-7:00 p.m.				

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FR. ERIC BOWMAN’S RAMBLINGS – ALWAYS CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

“Still today, and every day until the end of the ages, the Lord will be continually conceived in Nazareth and born in Bethlehem.” Because it is always Christmas in Bethlehem, every day is Christmas in the hearts of Christians. And every day we are called to proclaim the message of Bethlehem to the world: “Good news of great joy;” the eternal Word, “God from God, Light from Light,” has become flesh and has made His dwelling among us. (*Jn 1:14*)

The newborn Child, defenseless and totally dependent on the care of Mary and Joseph, entrusted to their love, is the world’s entire wealth. He is our all! In this Child – the Son who is given to us – we find rest for our souls and the true bread that never fails – the Eucharistic Bread foreshadowed even in the name of this town: Bethlehem, the house of bread. God lies hidden in the Child; divinity lies hidden in the Bread of Life.

The great mystery of divine self-emptying, the work of our redemption unfolding in weakness. This is no easy truth. The Savior was born in the night – in the darkness, in the silence and poverty of the cave of Bethlehem. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone,” declares the Prophet Isaiah (9:2). This is a place that has known “the yoke” and “the rod” of oppression. How often has the cry of innocents been heard in these streets? Even the great church built over the Savior’s birthplace stands like a fortress battered by the strife of the ages. The crib of Jesus lies always in the shadow of the Cross. The silence and poverty of the birth in Bethlehem are one with the darkness and pain of the death on Calvary. The crib and the Cross are the same mystery of redemptive love; the body which Mary laid in the manger is the same body offered up on the Cross.

Where then is the dominion of the “Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God and Prince of Peace” of which the Prophet Isaiah speaks? What is the power to which Jesus himself refers when He says: “All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth?” (*Mt 28:18*) Christ’s kingdom is “Not of this world.” (*Jn 18:36*) His kingdom is not the play of force and wealth and conquest which appears to shape our human history. It is, rather, the power to vanquish the evil one, the ultimate victory over sin and death. It is the power to heal the wounds which disfigure the image of the Creator in His creatures. Christ’s is the power to transform our weak nature and make us capable, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, of peace with one another and communion with God himself. “To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.” (*Jn 1:12*) This is the message of Bethlehem, today and forever. This is the extraordinary gift which the Prince of Peace brought into the world two thousand years ago.



ALL ARE WELCOME  
*Christmas Mass 2024*



CHURCH	EVE TUES, 12/24	EVE TUES, 12/24	DAY WED, 12/25	DAY WED, 12/25	NEW YEAR'S EVE* 12/31	NEW YEAR'S DAY* 1/1/25
<b>TRANSFIGURATION</b> West Milton		<b>5 PM</b> Fr. John MacQuarrie		<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Steve	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Steve	<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Steve
<b>ST. PATRICK</b> Troy	<b>3 PM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Joe	<b>Midnight</b> Fr. Callan	<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>5 PM</b> Fr. Callan	<b>11 AM</b> Fr. Callan
<b>ST. MARY</b> Piqua	<b>6 PM</b> Fr. Eric	<b>10 PM</b> Fr. Eric		<b>8 AM</b> Fr. Eric		<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Eric
<b>ST. BONIFACE</b> Piqua		<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Steve		<b>10 AM</b> Fr. Eric	<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Eric	
<b>ST. TERESA</b> Covington		<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Jim		<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Jim	<b>4 PM</b> Fr. Jim	<b>9 AM</b> Fr. Jim



**NEW YEAR'S**  
\*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Our Lady of Fatima's Very Own Christmas Miracle*

St. Boniface's parishioners and attendees have noticed an important "voice" missing from worship the past several months. Due to irreparable damage from a lightning strike that happened to the church on August 6, 2024 (The Transfiguration of Our Lord), the organ in St. Boniface has been unable to accompany singing at our Masses.

A team of Our Lady of Fatima staff has worked diligently to find a suitable replacement for this important instrument. But, it became clear that manufacturing timelines, limited instrument availability, insurance obstacles, and, potentially, substantial additional costs would prevent a suitable organ from arriving until April or May 2025.

### *That is, until our very own Christmas miracle happened...*

By the grace of God, the team received a lead on a suitable organ at an optimum cost, versus the originally anticipated \$107,000 replacement value needed. Matt Wagner, Director of Music and Liturgy, in his further research, found that the instrument would not only be a replacement, but it would also be an improvement of sound to more beautifully accompany Masses and fill our church's walls. It is nearly twice the size of the previous organ, and, due to a year-end sale with a trusted organ dealer, it is discounted, now falling within our allowable insurance reimbursement. Through the hard work of our pastor and his team, Our Lady of Fatima was able to secure this fine instrument for St. Boniface – if God continues to will it, the careful delivery and intricate installation is planned just in time for Christmas!

St. Boniface will now be home to a 3-manual (keyboard) Allen organ with 10 speakers for sound amplification. This organ uses some of the latest digital technology to create a natural pipe sound, and will be much better suited to St. Boniface's size than the previous instrument that only had four speakers and two keyboards.

We are tremendously blessed to call this new organ ours, and we would like to share a special thanks to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for their quick response in finalizing our insurance settlement for the organ. Thank you to Judy Lohnes, Theresa Henderson, Dennis Hile, Matt Wagner, Natalie Rohlfs, and our pastor, Fr. Eric, for their hard work on this important project.

Especially, we share gratitude with our patron, the Blessed Mother, on whose feast, Our Lady of Guadalupe, this organ was purchased. We have no doubt she assisted her children in their mission to find this new organ!

God has opened a door for us to work with Him to properly maintain this new instrument and St. Boniface. This comes with a reminder that our aging church needs continued upkeep in order to support its people and celebrations. Your monetary gifts to the Maintenance Fund ensure that our church can adequately respond when urgent maintenance situations arise. To best protect our new organ, previously known repairs will finally need to be addressed, including issues such as roof leaks in the choir loft, structure and supports for speakers, microphones for our choirs and priests, Bluetooth hearing aid enabled sound system for hard-of-hearing guests and additional electrical wiring. As you heard our priests indicate in their recent Stewardship Sunday homilies, an increase of tithing by five percent to our churches is especially important in these difficult economic times. Thank you for remembering and taking care of our place of worship.

With great joy in the coming Christmas season, you are invited to a special St. Boniface Organ Dedication Concert that will be celebrated on The Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2025! Please come, enjoy "Lessons & Carols" – a Scripture and musical journey through the story of salvation and a blessing of the new instrument.

### The Epiphany of the Lord "Lessons & Carols"



**St. Boniface Organ Dedication Concert**  
January, 5, 2025 | 2:00 PM | St. Boniface, Church, Piqua  
*with a special collection for the St. Boniface Maintenance Fund*

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Caroling & Christmas Midnight Mass

During the half-hour preceding "Midnight" Mass at our churches, come, journey toward the birth of Christ through song.

Beautiful carols will be sung by the choir and congregation, all leading toward the Christ-child being placed in the manger and the celebration of candlelit Midnight Mass.

ST. MARY | PIQUA      ST. PATRICK | TROY  
 TUESDAY, 12/24/24 | 9:30 PM      TUESDAY, 12/24/24 | 11:30 PM  
 PRIOR TO 10 PM MASS      PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT MASS



## 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      **St. Patrick**  
 Sun. Assoc. Fr. Kozar      Troy | 5PM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM



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

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MONTHLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 2024	ST. BONIFACE	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK	ST. TERESA	TRANSFIGURATION
Monthly Sunday Offerings	\$31,533	\$40,259	\$72,862	\$5,757	\$31,220
Anticipated Collections	\$30,800	\$50,000	\$63,330	\$7,935	\$27,613
<b>Over (Under) Anticipated</b>	\$733	(\$9,741)	\$9,532	(\$2,178)	\$3,607

A summary of weekly offerings for the previous month will be reported for each church within Our Lady of Fatima.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to Fr. Jerry Bensman, who celebrated his 60th year as a priest this December and celebrated with family and friends! A special thank-you to Fr. Bensman for giving his life so that he could give his "yes" to Christ and for sharing his retirement years with Our Lady of Fatima's parishioners and priests! Fr. Bensman resides in the charming lodging for retired priests at the Lange Estate. Feel free to mail him a card at 3505 Calumet Road, #5A | Ludlow Falls, OH 45339.



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](http://stpattroy.formed.org). Simply enter “St. Patrick, Troy, OH,” your name and email. Everyone can use it!

### TAX 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.



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
*Monthly Raffle*

**NOVEMBER WINNERS**

**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!

**UPDATE: NO DECEMBER RAFFLE!**

### 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](http://www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/sunday-bulletins) and scrolling to the final page.

## 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](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org).

#### HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS BREAK!

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

#### Your child is welcome!

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

**Questions:** [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto: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! 🔥

**8th Grade Parents:** Please remind and help students research their Confirmation Saints for their one-page confirmation essay that will be due around the second week of January.

*\*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 Rohlf, 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!*

# ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

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 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

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Knights of Columbus	Dennis DeBrosse	937-214-7945
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### PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

December 16-December 20 – **Tony Walter, Drew Ambros, Valerie Langenkamp, Vivian Joyce, Don Luna**



### BETHANY CENTER

December is 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. Nonperishables 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.

### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Clare Chapel is open for visitors from Saturday, 6:00 a.m. throughout each day and overnight until Thursday at midnight and also from Friday, 4:00 a.m. until Friday, 9:00 p.m. We have an increasing need for substitute, monthly/bi-monthly/weekly guardians especially for late evening and overnight.

There is a need for long-term subs for the following hours:

- Friday, 5:00 p.m., January 17-February 28
- Monday, 11:00 a.m. (TBD)
- Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., January 8-May 14

Holy Hours needing a regular guardians include:

- Monday, 3:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 2:00 a.m.
- Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (weeks 3, 4, 5), 1:00 p.m. (every other week)
- Saturday, 8:00 p.m. (every other week), 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 12:00 midnight, 3:00 a.m.

To ask questions about the special St. Clare Chapel or hours, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or MaryJane Karn at 937-778-0496.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

#### Saturday, December 28 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	C. Calvert, F. Friend, P. Schmidt
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Brush, B. Daniel, E. Merrifield, Dcn. Jim
Lectors	J. Ventura, S. Earhart
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny

#### Sunday, December 29 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Rank, A. DiPace, C. Herbst
Extraordinary Ministers	M.E. Buechter, T. Burnside, B. Decknadel, D. Decknadel
Lectors	D. Johnson, G. Johnson
Sacristan	D. Decknadel
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

#### Saturday, December 28 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	R. Henry, V. Karn, M. Osborne
Extraordinary Ministers	P. Heater A. Koehl, C. Oda, Dcn. Jim
Lectors	B. Hewitt, B. Karpinski
Sacristan	B. Elliott
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, Volunteers

#### Sunday, December 29 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	K. Cox, K. Johns, J. Richard
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Galbreath, S. Mary Alice, R. Monroe, M. Worland
Lectors	E. Merrifield, M. Galbreath
Sacristan	G. Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins



# ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

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Find tickets at piquaparishes.org, in last fall's newsletter, visit paypal.org to pay stbonifacequilt@gmail.com, or send a donation to St. Boniface, 310 S. Downing, Piqua. Include name/phone and write "QUILT" on the envelope. The winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, December 30, at St. Boniface Bingo! Need not be present to win. Contact stbonifacequilt@gmail.com or 937-773-1656 with questions. Proceeds benefit the St. Boniface Oktoberfest.



# ST. PATRICK

## 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	<b>Please RSVP!</b> Must sign up for two training sessions. RSVP - Jonathan Bade jbadepharmd@gmail.com
	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	

## ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

**Facilities Use** Pat Cartwright 937-335-2833, ext. 2002  
pcartwright@stpattroy.org

**Prayer Chain** Sue Hastings 937-339-2945  
shastings@woh.rr.com

## WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

December 16 – **Melissa Lehman**  
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 28 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	L. Barsotti, C. Pannapara
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, Dcn J. Carlin, K. Scott
Lector	V. Pannapara
Sacristan	T. Pannapara

### Sunday, December 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Rippey, D. Russel
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Groff, R. Groff, VOLUNTEER
Lector	J. Gigandet
Sacristan	J. Lehrter

### Sunday, December 29 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Cathcart, J. Thomas, J. Thomas
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Gifford, P. Cartwright, S. Keller
Lector	K. Hess
Sacristan	M. Henry

### Sunday, December 29 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	E. Kinsella, L. Schwietermann
Extraordinary Ministers	M.B. Rindler, A. Gutman, D. Wolfe
Lector	G. Rinehart
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

# ST. TERESA

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. We are accepting applications to the Catholic Church's largest fraternal organization. For a limited time, you can become a full 3rd-degree Knight in 30 minutes – and the first year of membership is waived! If interested, call Joe Speer at 937-216-6768.

# ST. TERESA

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

### Sunday, December 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	J. Kuether
Extraordinary Minister	Volunteer
Lector	Need Volunteer
Ushers	T. Kuether, Need Volunteer

### Sunday, December 29 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server	R. Vanderhorst
Extraordinary Minister	E. Vanderhorst
Lector	E. Vanderhorst
Ushers	K. Rindler, A. Moore

## ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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



## HOLIDAY DIAPER DRIVE

The Covington “Students for Life Club” is sponsoring a Holiday Diaper Drive this month. Bring diapers so that students can donate to local pro-life pregnancy resource centers. A donation box has been placed at the church entrance. Please help support this important effort!

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

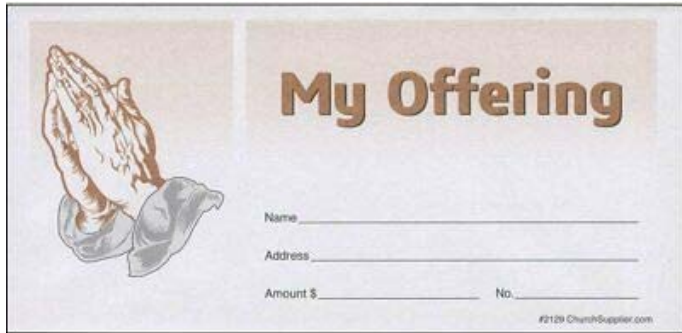
Please join us for decorating St. Teresa Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after 10:30 a.m. Mass. All ages are welcome! Come, enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season!



# TRANSFIGURATION

## TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

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



## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you use weekly offertory envelopes and haven't picked them up yet, please get your 2025 envelope box from the back of the church. Thank you.

## 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.

## GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree at the back of the church has cards to benefit either Miami County Right To Life or St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Pull the appropriate card and follow the directions.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

### Saturday, December 28 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, C. Crabtree, L. Albright
Lector	D. Albright
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	T. Paxton, J. Ruffing, T. Bushong, M. Bushong

### Sunday, December 29 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	X. Hummel, L. Hummel, T. Hummel
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Kramer, D. Williams, Volunteer
Lector	T. Sollenberger
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	N. Craport, B. Hoffman, R. Gallegos

### Sunday, December 29 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Kelchner, B. Platfoot, W. Dexter
Lectors	M. Schubert, J. Fisher
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
Ushers	S. Barga, E. Barga, C. August, L. Manson

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Church of the Transfiguration will stream both Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. and Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m. Masses. You can find the link on the website under Streamspot.



## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bonnie Martin and Kimberly Rae Blazinski**. May God grant them peace and offer comfort to their loved ones. Amen.



### DIVORCE CARE

Do you need Christian-based healing from going through separation or divorce's emotional challenges? This might be a very difficult time for you right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Let us help you with our 13-week support group Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. from January 9th-April 3rd, at St. Francis of Assisi Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. For more information, contact Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 (not able to text) or mtoma@woh.rr.com.



### CSS RIDECONNECT

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley's RideConnect program uses volunteers to provide transportation to essential services like medical appointments, shopping, and employment. To continue this impactful work, additional drivers are needed! This flexible opportunity is open to all individuals who are passionate about making a positive difference in their community. To become a volunteer driver with RideConnect, please visit our website (cssmv.org/RideConnect) or contact Heather or Michelle at 937-575-7111 or RideConnect@cssmv-sidney.org.

## Saint Juan Diego

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Saint Juan Diego and asked him to build a church. Saint Juan Diego asked the bishop for help to build the church, but the bishop wanted proof that Juan Diego had seen Mary. Mary told him to pick roses for the bishop. This doesn't seem special—but it was snowy outside.

Roses don't grow in the snow!

Saint Juan Diego carried the roses in his tilma, his coat. When he showed the roses to the bishop, there was a beautiful picture of Mary on his tilma! That picture is a special image of Mary called...

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



Year C: Fourth Sunday of Advent



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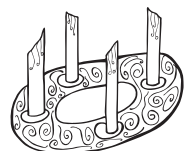
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

LETUSSEEYOURFACEI

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Which candles are lit today on the Advent wreath? Color this wreath to match the one at your church.



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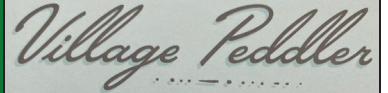
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