



OUR Lady of Fatima FAMILY of PARISHES

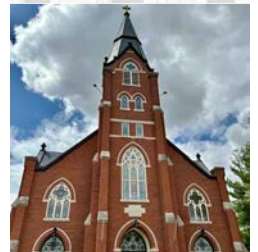
JANUARY
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2025

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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
SP Crystal Ayers (on leave)	TR Robyn Gallegos – President
SP Jennifer Kloecker	

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Boniface	Fr. John MacQuarrie Fr. Jerry Bensman Fr. Eric Bowman	†Tim Heitkamp Sanctification of the Church Deceased of the Gertner & Cyphers Families	St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder Heb 9:15. 24-28 Mk 3:22-30
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28				
7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	St. Patrick St. Boniface Transfiguration	Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell Fr. John MacQuarrie	†Loretto McAtee †Tom & Georgie Schlicker Pat McEldowney	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary St. Teresa	Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. John MacQuarrie Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell	†Betty Jean O'Connor †Purgatorian Mass †Ann Baker †Dan Madigan	Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30				
8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Transfiguration St. Patrick St. Boniface St. Teresa	Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell	Peace & Justice in the World †Barney Jordan †Bill Caserta †Cyril Pleiman	Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31				
7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick Transfiguration St. Mary	Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. James Duell	†Nancy Rutter Holy Souls in Purgatory †Barb Stephan	St. John Bosco, Priest Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1				
8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Mary \$ St. Boniface \$ St. Patrick \$ St. Mary \$ Transfiguration \$	Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. James Duell Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. James Duell Fr. Isaiah Callan	†Stephen King †Chad Seagraves George & Julia Mangen Living & Deceased of SM & SB Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	Blessed Virgin Mary Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2				
7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick \$ Transfiguration \$ St. Teresa \$ St. Mary \$ St. Patrick \$ Transfiguration \$ St. Teresa \$ St. Boniface \$ St. Patrick \$	Fr. Joseph Kozar Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. James Duell Fr. Eric Bowman Fr. Isaiah Callan Fr. Steven Shoup Fr. James Duell Fr. Eric Bowman	†Jack Black Living & Deceased of TR †Dick Yount †Carl Beam Living & Deceased of SP Holy Souls in Purgatory Living & Deceased of ST †David Burnside †John Jenkins	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

\$ = 2nd Collection – Catholic Ministries Appeal † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

CONFESSIONS

CHURCH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. PATRICK			6:00-6:45 p.m.			4:00-4:30 p.m.
TRANSFIGURATION				6:00-7:00 p.m.		4:00-4:30 p.m.
ST. BONIFACE					6:00-6:45 p.m.	
ST. MARY						9:15 a.m.
ST. TERESA		5:00-6:00 p.m.				

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS

The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

I have thought and said so many times – I, Your priest – that You were unjustly condemned. Judas betrayed You out of ingratitude, out of avarice and influenced by the Malign. The priests and the Sanhedrin rejected You, blinded by Your unexpected divine splendor. The soldiers whipped and derided You because they were unaware and reduced to brutes. Pilate handed You over to the executioners out of fear and skepticism. And the crowd shouted: "Crucify him!" because they were roused and had forgotten that, "You had passed among them doing good works." Condemned unjustly, condemned innocent. But now I think, oh Lord, that I have missed the deepest and most overwhelming truth. You were condemned justly, because you truly wanted to take upon yourself the terrible weight of all our sins, taking responsibility for them before God, our Creator and Father. Even more so, for us and in our place, You wanted to "become sin for us," and became, in the sight of the world, "Like one before whom we hide our face out of shame." And, "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world..." You take them away so that You can continue to take them upon Yourself and expiate them one by one. And every day of our life, is, for You, a Good Friday. I recall Your priest, St. Leopold Mandic, closed off for years and years in his confessional, overwhelmed by the sins poured upon him by the penitents. Derided by some because he made them all innocent, giving absolution with merciful generosity, and then passed long nights in expiation, trembling with fear for God's judgment. He had, in fact, sent away the most fragile sinners offering himself in their place: "I will make the penitence for you, I will pray..." Full of mercy for all, he accepted having to tremble before God's justice.

The Second Station: Jesus Bears His Cross

We have been left almost alone in the world – we, Your priests – in saying that suffering can redeem, that the pain can be filled with meaning and become salvific. But we say it timidly, as if we had to seek pardon for this strange and difficult language. How much pain in the world! There is so much daily suffering, and the cross weighs on many people who cannot prevent it. And we should ask them to carry it, embracing it, as You do while the wood digs into your shoulders and is soaked with your blood! "I salute you, oh Cross, so long desired!" said your disciple Andrew. The Apostle Paul also proclaimed that he was joyfully "crucified with you" and that he wished to know only "the wisdom of the Cross." One of Your poets said: "Jesus takes up the Cross, as we take the Eucharists. Here we are, Your priests, who daily hold your sacrificed body, presenting it for adoration and offering it as food. You do not ask us to be stronger in bearing, but more joyful in the transubstantiation of our small sufferings into your infinite suffering, and to make this nourishment for the Church. St. John of the Cross – who composed the most beautiful poems of mystic Love, in a dark and tormented prison – taught: "Let Christ crucified be enough for you. Suffer with Him and abide with Him" – He was so close to you that on His deathbed, He was moved in regards to His own sick body, contemplating His sore "devotedly" because they resembled yours. Grant us, Lord, to adore our little crosses – above all the ones inherent in our Ministry – as fragments of your glorious Cross.

OLF DECEMBER 2024 OFFERINGS

	St. Patrick*	St. Mary	St. Boniface	St. Teresa	Transfiguration
Monthly Offerings Actual	\$74,083	\$89,610	\$54,846	\$15,098	\$33,252
Monthly Offerings Anticipated	\$63,330	\$70,000	\$38,500	\$7,935	\$27,613
Monthly Over (Under) Anticipated	\$10,753	\$19,610	\$16,346	\$7,163	\$5,639
<i>* Currently, St. Patrick maintains a separate account to track "Christmas/Easter" offerings. Their numbers shown above are strictly normal weekly offerings. The other churches include their Christmas/Easter in "Monthly Offerings" above. All "Actuals" are based on deposit date.</i>					
St. Patrick "Christmas/Easter" Offerings	St. Patrick				
"Christmas/Easter" Offerings Actual (as of 12/31/24)	\$18,388				
"Christmas/Easter" Offerings Anticipated (through 6/30/25)	\$36,000				
"Christmas/Easter" Fiscal Year Over (Under) Anticipated	\$ (17,612)				

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT From St. Patrick Catholic Church Finance Department & Fr. Eric

There's exciting news to share with our parish community! As of January 22, 2025, the original loan that St. Patrick took with Minster Bank was paid off six years and eight months early! This comes with immense thanks to our parishioners who have contributed consistently and in a dedicated way to the Debt Reduction fund and to our leadership, Finance Council and finance staff for steering the course through the years. Our parish is as vibrant as its members make possible. Thank you for seeing our parish through that period of debt.

The original loan date was September 23, 2016 at the amount of \$338,000. This wasn't to mature until September 23, 2031. Future "Debt Reduction" giving, which continues to be helpful, will have an adjusted category name to support current needs. Please stay tuned as that gets finalized. We are extremely happy to share this good news. Please join us with prayers of thanksgiving to Jesus Christ, Our King and Savior.

"We have so much to be grateful for at all of our parishes – beautiful music and liturgies, a Sunday associate, retired priests, religious and seminarians, volunteers for our ministries, several full Masses on Sundays, growing schools, families who prioritize their faith through the Domestic Church, students who sing and participate joyfully, dedicated clergy and staff who give of themselves unceasingly, parishioners who prayerfully lead their lives and charitably support those in need. This awesome debt payoff is just another testament that we, as the Body of Christ, are capable of remembering what's important and making good things happen, even when it's not easy at times. I'm proud of my flock.

– Fr. Eric, Pastor

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIESTS' WEEKEND MASS ROTATION JANUARY 2025

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



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



WILL SOON BE HIRING!

Part-time Communication Assistant
&
Full-time Youth Minister

Send inquiries to pastornw6@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDI

Parishioners, please pray for Our Lady of Fatima's student Confirmandi who will be receiving the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 9 at St. Boniface or February 23 at St. Patrick. *Come, Holy Spirit...*

AN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH MISSION IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH 2025!

If you or your group is interested in taking an active or prayerful role prior to or during, please contact Jason Taylor at jt082576@gmail.com or 515-230-6225.



One Rose, One Life

After all Our Lady of Fatima Masses on February 1 and 2, Right to Life will hand out artificial roses and request a donation to the Help Center at 305 E. Main Street in Troy. With these donations, MCRTL is able to help pregnant women here in Miami County with baby food, clothing, furniture, and, more importantly... encouragement! Thank you for your continued support.

That Man Is You! Spring Semester Starts February 1!

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith

Saturday Mornings 6:30 – 8:00 AM
Caserta Center at St. Boniface Parish

All Men Are Welcome!



For more information contact ddecknadel@gmail.com
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BULLETIN INFO

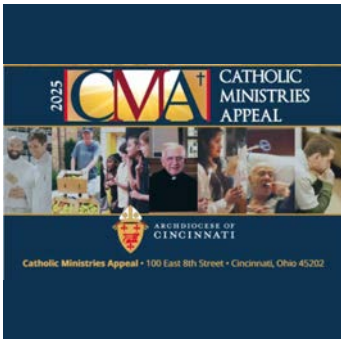
Find the **BULLETIN SUBMISSION** link on any of Our Lady of Fatima's church websites! This will ensure consistency in the materials collected to help those submitting and those maintaining the entries. If you have a question, please call the Transfiguration office at 937-698-4520.

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

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.



THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

The Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) is the annual Archdiocesan campaign to support six local ministry areas that teach, feed and heal. Through the CMA, all parishes join together as the Body of Christ to collaborate in the Corporal Works of Mercy. Make a gift with a labeled envelope in your offertory basket at Mass on February 1 and 2, or mail to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal, 100 East 8th Street, 2nd Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Give Electronically:

- **Online:** Make a secure online pledge or one-time gift with a credit card or electronic check (ACH) at catholicaoc.org.
- **Text:** Text "DONATE" to 513-586-1978 and follow the prompts.

THIS WEEKEND AFTER MASSES

The ROLLOVER POT has grown to \$975!

The 1st place winner will have a chance to also win the kicker!

JANUARY 25-26 AFTER MASSES!

TICKETS \$2 each or 6 for \$10 Choose your color(s)!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA Monthly Raffle

3rd Prize | first pulled = 5% of monthly sales
2nd Prize | second pulled = 10% of monthly sales
1st Prize* | third pulled = 25% of monthly sales

***ELIGIBLE FOR A COLOR-MATCH BONUS**
If the 1st Prize ticket color matches the fourth pulled ticket color, winner receives 10% of the weekend's sales PLUS the Rollover Pot.

THE ROLLOVER POT IS NOW AT \$975!

When color doesn't match or prizes aren't claimed, money goes to the Rollover Pot.

Sales will occur the last full weekend of each month at all five churches. One, combined OLF drawing will occur during the following week. Sales are final. Proceeds support all OLF churches. Winners announced in bulletin/OLF Facebook. Must be 18+ to play. Must call church office and present winning ticket to claim prize by the Wednesday prior to next drawing or prize will be forfeited. Per IRS, if \$600+ winnings, a 1099 will be issued.

Call your church office so you/your family can volunteer to help for 20 min. a month!



You can bring the Word of God to our fellow parishioners who are in nursing homes! Drop new or gently used LARGE PRINT CATHOLIC BIBLES to the designated boxes at the entrances of all Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' churches. Sadly, many nursing homes do not seem to have a Catholic Bible in their book selection.

OLF's Ministry for Holy Communion to the Sick will place these Bibles within each community to be available for our fellow parishioners and their family and friends to read.

Thank you for your kindness and caring for those who cannot be at Mass with us!

MINISTRIES

LOVE IN ACTION: GRIEFSHARE

The GriefShare team will be offering “**Loss of Spouse**” on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who is dealing with the loss of a spouse and could use some support.

Grief recovery is a painful process no matter the circumstances. St Patrick Catholic Church will be offering “**GriefShare**,” a seminar and support group, to Our Lady of Fatima parishioners and local community, all are welcome. This is a weekly seminar/support group. Come, be around people who understand how you are feeling following the loss of a loved one and be offered encouragement. At “GriefShare”, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. You are welcome to simply come check it out or register at griefshare.org/finadagroup. Sessions will begin Wednesday, February 19 with either an afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m.

Both programs will be held at 444 E. Water Street, Troy, in the Parish Center (white building behind St. Patrick School), upstairs, Room 3.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

CCD:

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.

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

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

Parents, please have your students bring their winter gear to Youth Ministry nights each week in case of outdoor fun!

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

Youth Group* | Grades 9-12 | Sundays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Pizza Party Coming Soon!

Transfiguration Youth Building

Led by Your Core Team:

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:

Rec | Snacks | Fellowship | Saints & Faith

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

ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

PIQUA CHURCHES CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	Gretchen Roeth	937-778-0325
Knights of Columbus	Dennis DeBrosse	937-214-7945
Knights of St. John	Doug Francony	937-214-4915

PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

January 20-January 24 – **Larry & Barb Coffing, Mike & Brenda Gallagher, Tom Koehl, Andy Monnin, Elizabeth Gutmann**

O COME LET US ADORE HIM AT ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

Since 1990, St. Clare Chapel has been a quiet, quaint space for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Many original guardians have maintained their hour while many new guardians, young and older, from inside and outside of Piqua, have committed to the devotion of Adoration. Plan to visit St. Clare Chapel and experience the quiet from the noise of the world!

St. Clare Chapel is open for visitors from Saturday 6:00 a.m. throughout each day and overnight until Thursday midnight and also from Friday 4:00 a.m. through Friday 9:00 p.m. There is a need for substitute, monthly/bimonthly/weekly guardians especially for late evening and overnight.

Hours needing a regular guardian 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)
- Sunday, 12:00 midnight, 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m.

PLEASE help in any way you can! 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 937-214-0476.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, February 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Johnston, D. Johnston, A. DiPace
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Daniel, J. Herbe, V. Pierson, J. Ventura
Lectors	J. White, S. Wise
Sacristan	B. Brush
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, Volunteer, P. Penny, D. Penny

Sunday, February 2 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	J. Garman, L. Garman, W. Garman
Extraordinary Ministers	M. McDonald, A. Polakowski, K. Roth, H. Sever
Lectors	S. Mary Alice, E. Baker
Sacristan	ME Buechter
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, Volunteer, M. Cool

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

Saturday, February 1 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	D. Richard, D. Richard, G. Staley
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Kiefer, A. Koehl, B. Kohl, E. Merrifield
Lectors	S. Ginny, K. Wendeln
Sacristan	A. Epperly
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, Volunteers

Sunday, February 2 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	C. Galbreath, S. Galbreath, W. Galbreath
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Burnside, M. Mertz, K. Lee, Dcn. Jim
Lectors	R. O'Leary, J. Terry
Sacristan	A. Cecil
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

ST. PATRICK

ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

January 20 – Bernice Michael

Month of January – Sandy Sherrill

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

ST. PATRICK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

Saturday, February 1 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	B. Bass, O. Poeppelman
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Clark, Dcn J. Carlin, S. Clark
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	S. Carlin

Sunday, February 2 – 7:30 a.m.

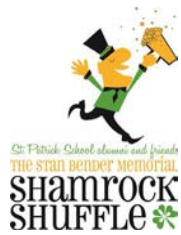
Altar Servers	B. Groff, R. Groff, Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Kremer
Lector	C. Subler, J. Subler
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, February 2 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	T. Behm, A. Knapke, W. Koesters
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Olberding, T. Cianciolo, H. Spaide
Lector	C. Rohlf
Sacristan	L. Menker

Sunday, February 2 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	D. Russel, W. Swan
Extraordinary Ministers	E. Sheridan, J. Iames, Volunteers
Lector	K. Vendryes
Sacristan	J. Iames



SAVE-THE-DATE!
Shamrock Shuffle 5K & Kegs 'n Eggs
Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.
More info to follow!

ST. TERESA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

Sunday, February 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	E. Clark
Lector	D. Otte
Ushers	A. Otte, J. Walter

Sunday, February 2 – 10:30 a.m.

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

ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will meet 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.

TRANSFIGURATION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

Saturday, February 1 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, F. Francis, C. Crabtree
Lector	J. Volk
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	G. Steele, C. Crabtree, M. Sergy, J. Cetnar

Sunday, February 2 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Desch, D. Boeckman
Extraordinary Ministers	R. Dzendzel, D. Kramer, R. Gallegos
Lector	G. Mergler
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	A. Brown, D. Brown, M. Desch, W. Beaver

Sunday, February 2 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Fisher, M. Schubert, L. McCartan
Lectors	M. Hummel, M. Olenchuk
Sacristan	R. Dzendzel
Ushers	A. Brown, D. Brown, M. Desch, W. Beaver

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

YOU ARE NEEDED

Help ensure this year's special anniversary couples are celebrated by our church community, and let's work together to keep Doughnut Sunday fellowship active! Volunteers are needed for the committee for our Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration and our Doughnut Sundays. Neither are difficult, but if you are interested and have the time to help, please call the office.



REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alfred D. Bellomy**. May God grant him peace and offer comfort to his loved ones. Amen.*

TRANSFIGURATION



DAUGHTER OF TRANSFIGURATION

Sister Maryam Caritas Sparke, SOLT (Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity) is now the new Youth Minister at the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Sister Maryam grew up in Troy, Ohio and was the youngest of 12 children. In high school, she participated in a retreat done by people from Franciscan in Steubenville. "They were so happy, and I was not," she said. During a moment of Adoration, she felt Jesus was knocking at her heart, saying, "Let me in." And now, "It changed my life."

She immediately wanted other young people to have this experience, too, and so she became a youth minister for middle schoolers and continued to be. In college, she met other members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), and she felt attracted to religious life. After discerning and joining their mission in North Dakota for one year, she joined the SOLT sisters in 2005 at the age of 20.

After her formation period, she lived for eight years in New Mexico and six years in Corpus Christi, teaching at Saint John Paul II High School and working as a youth minister at Christ the King Parish. Let's send our prayers to Sister Maryam as she starts her new position.

SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Happy New Year! We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Patrick community.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 26 to February 1 with different themes throughout the week. On Sunday, we will celebrate our parish, and our students will participate in all of that weekend's Masses. We are also hosting an Open House on January 26, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., and we warmly invite you to stop by and see what we've been up to.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

PASTRIES WITH PARENTS

STUDENT LAST NAME A-J- MONDAY 1/27
STUDENT LAST NAME K-Z- TUESDAY 1/28

SCHOOL FAMILIES, JOIN US FROM 7:30-8:30 IN THE GYM TO ENJOY A PASTRY WITH YOUR STUDENT!

RSVP BY SCANNING THE CODE

Additionally, planning for the 2025-2026 school year has begun! Current student registration will start on February 1, and new family registration will begin in March. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates or check out our Facebook page.

Thank you for all of your support. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community.

Warm regards,
Cyndi Cathcart

"Pray, hope, and don't worry." – Saint Padre Pio

OPEN HOUSE 2025

Sunday, Jan. 26
12:30-2:00 pm

Come and see!

- Meet our amazing teachers and staff!
- Check out the classrooms & see the exciting things happening.
- Learn more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Program and how 100% of families qualify for either a full or partial scholarship!
- Invite a prospective family to see the quality education St. Patrick offers.



Piqua Catholic has a full and fun filled week of activities planned for our Catholic Schools Week celebration! We kick off our week with the students showing appreciation to our generous and supportive parishioners at the weekend Masses. Monday is our "Pancakes with Parents" day where our parents are treated to breakfast in the cafeteria, a teacher "Slot Machine" and our "Pie the Principal" fundraiser in the gym. Our Preschool students will be treated to a Handbells concert Wednesday morning at St. Boniface, while our Kindergarten through 8th grade students will be making and delivering thank-you cards and cookies to our local police officers and firefighters.

Friday rounds off our week with the Preschool through 1st grade students having a "Glow with God's Love" party in the Downing Street gym. North Street students invite the community to come watch our 9th Annual Talent Show that will be broadcast LIVE on our Facebook page. It's going to be a wonderful week to celebrate our Catholic Schools education!



ATTENTION VETERANS:

Lehman Catholic High School invites you to a Veteran Night appreciation dinner and basketball game in your honor on Tuesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. This includes a free meal and entry into the Lehman vs. Northridge boys' basketball game. Please call 937-498-1161 to RSVP by February 3.

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Monday, February 24 | 6:30 p.m. | St. John Lutheran Church, Sidney

Prizes: \$400+, \$250, and \$100 for 1st-3rd. One winner receives an additional \$100 travel stipend for participating in the state contest

Eligibility: All high school juniors and seniors who are residents of Shelby County or attend a Shelby County high school (including Lehman). Contestants are to give a pro-life speech, 5-7 minutes in length, on one of four topics: abortion, doctor-prescribed suicide, infanticide or embryonic research. Register by Friday, February 21 (by 11:59 p.m.) Visit <http://www.shelbycountyrtp.org/>. Contact Shae at comms@shelbycountyrtp.org for more info and to register.

“GIRLS FAITH NIGHT OUT”

Holy Angels Sacred Heart Altar Rosary is excited to announce our special event dubbed “Girls Faith Night Out” on Monday, February 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Sidney American Legion Hall. We are blessed to announce our exceptional speaker, **Bishop Earl Fernandes**. We know many of you are also thrilled to hear that he is sharing an evening with us, therefore, we are politely asking you to RSVP to this event in advance using Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1113523080509?aff=oddtcreat> or. If you are unable to access Eventbrite, please contact Gail Frantz at 937-726-2617 or gail.rock7@gmail.com to be added to the event. We anticipate a large turnout and look forward to expanding our faith and fellowship with another positive gathering. Admission and hors d'oeuvres are free. A cash bar will be available.

Join Us for a Joint Event
with Father Alex Dugas!
“What is this in light of eternity?”



Thursday, February 13th 7 PM Social 7:30 PM Speaker
At Minster Knights of Columbus Hall

SENIOR'S ALIVE!

Thank you to everyone who attended our December 6 Senior's Alive! Event. We were blessed to have 79 people join us including volunteers. The event featured a Quarter Auction, Bingo, good food and fellowship. Quarter Auction proceeds benefited the Bethany Center in Piqua. Bethany Center supports all Miami County residents including Covington. Seniors Alive! was blessed to be able to donate \$620 to them. The next Senior's Alive! Event will be held Friday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Covington Church of the Brethren lower level. Jim and Linda Daniel will be the speakers. Their topic will be “The Impact of Effective Nonprofit Organizations.” To join us, please register by January 31 by contacting Kay KcKinney at 937-473-2767.



ST. DYPHNA PRAYER SERVICE

The winter months can be hard for many. The St. Dymphna Prayer Service for Mental Health is for those who battle or are praying for those with anxiety, depression and mental health issues. Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. as we pray for the intercession of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental health. This service, which will be held at the Maria Stein Shrine Adoration Chapel, includes prayers and veneration of St. Dymphna's relic. Speaking at the service is Nick Clune, certified CPMAP Mentor trained through the CatholicPsych Institute. Nick specializes in helping men and women build fulfilling relationships, overcome anxiety and depression and discover deeper meaning in life through the integration of psychology, spirituality and Catholic anthropology.

St. John Bosco ITALIAN DRIVE THRU DINNER 2025



St. John Bosco was an Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator, and writer of the 19th century. A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales, Bosco was an ardent devotee of Mary, mother of Jesus, under the title Mary Help of Christians. The Shrine is an honored custodian of his holy relic, displayed in the Relic Chapel.

ST. JOHN BOSCO ITALIAN DRIVE-THRU DINNER

On Thursday evening, January 30, 2025, the Maria Stein Shrine will be celebrating the Feast Day of Italian Priest, St. John Bosco, with a delicious Italian meal and special relic veneration. St. John Bosco was an Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator, and writer of the 19th century. A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales, Bosco was an ardent devotee of Mary, mother of Jesus, under the title Mary, Help of Christians.

The meals can be picked up via drive-thru at the main entrance of the Maria Stein Shrine on January 30, 4:30-6:00 p.m. On this day, the relic of St. John Bosco will be out for public veneration in the Relic Chapel. Tickets can be purchased online at mariasteinshrine.org, at the Main Entrance of the Shrine, by calling the Shrine at 419-925-4532 or email at contact@mariasteinshrine.org. All proceeds benefit the Maria Stein Shrine.

2025 Mother's Retreat
March 1-March 2
With Father Nathan Cromly

Registration Opens Jan. 25
mothersretreat.org



Maria Stein Retreat Center

Couples' Night

"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Sunday, February 16, 2025
Dinner: 5:30pm | Presentation: 6:30pm
\$50 per couple | RSVP required



This event will be in the Upper Room, on the 3rd floor of the Shrine (elevator available).
Dinner begins at 5:30pm, Julia's presentation begins at 6:30pm.

Presented by: Julia Monnin OCS
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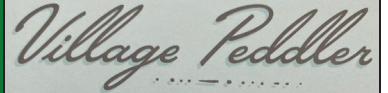
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