

A silhouette of a nativity scene is centered in the lower half of the image. It depicts the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a camel and other figures in the background. The scene is set against a warm, glowing orange and yellow light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The background of the entire image is a deep purple and blue sky with a bright, star-like light source at the top center, creating a celestial atmosphere.

CHRISTMAS 2023

# PEACE ON EARTH

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Church of the Transfiguration

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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 Route 36, Covington, OH 45318

www.stteresacovington.org

Hours By Appointment

**Church of the Transfiguration TR 937-698-4520**

972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, OH 45383

www.transfigurationcatholicchurch.org

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Deadline noon Thursday for two weekends ahead of that day. New submission instructions will soon follow. In the meantime, submit via email to office@tchurch.org.

#### BAPTISM:

By appointment only. Contact any Parish Office to schedule and for class location information. Class is required.

#### MATRIMONY:

Contact any Parish Office 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. Call any Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### Homebound:

Extraordinary Ministers can be arranged to visit homes and nursing facilities with the Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Please notify any Parish Office.

#### NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome new members to Our Lady of Fatima! Call any Parish Office for registration information.

#### CONTACT UPDATE:

Notify your registered Parish Office to update your address, phone number and email.

#### SafeParish:

To volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan compliant with the SafeParish program. Contact Susan at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### ST. CLARE ADORATION CHAPEL

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

#### ST. PATRICK

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

#### TRANSFIGURATION

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

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	PARISH	PRESIDER	INTENTION	READING
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>				
12:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Living & Deceased Members of Piqua Parishes Choirs	Is 52:7-10
12:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Grace Kindelin	Heb 1:1-6
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	Jn 1:1-18
9:00 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Robert Homan	
9:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Terry	†Clete McEldowney	
10:00 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	†Ruben Pelayo	
10:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Pitsenbarger & Sheridan Families	
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	Agnes Voisard	St. Stephen, The First Martyr
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Steve	†Rita McGreevy	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Callan	†Paul Hoening	Mt 10:17-22
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	OLF Priests & Deacons	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	†Bob Huffman	1 Jn 1:1-4
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	†Thomas & Margaret Dwyer	Jn 20:1a, 2-8
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Jerry Strickroth	
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28</b>				
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	The Holy Innocents
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Eric	David Koenig	1 Jn 1:5-2:2
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Deceased of the Hinnegan & Van Norstrand Families	Mt 2:13-18
8:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Stanley & Barbara Hindmarch	
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>				
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Callan	Kory Bachman	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Steve	Matt & Melissa Ankerman	1 Jn 2:3-11
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Eric	†Helen & John Jones, Irene & George Vavroch	Lk 2:22-35
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>				
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	†Jan Hisson	1 Jn 2:12-17
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Living & Deceased of the Herbe & Schneider Families	Lk 2:36-40
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve	Michael Barry & Nula Garry	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	Living & Deceased of SB & SM	
5:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric	Alex Crabtree	
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31</b>				
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve	Ray Guillozet	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric	Living & Deceased of TR	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	Living & Deceased of the Stiner & Heydinger Families	Col 3:12-21
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary	Fr. Callan	†Bruce & Mary Ann Lonsway	Lk 2:22-40
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve	Gregory Gross	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	Fr. Eric	Living & Deceased of the Brown Family	
10:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Fr. Jim	†Sylvester Meyer	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Fr. Callan	Living & Deceased of the Curtis & Lawrence Families	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Fr. Steve	†Jean Evenden	

\$ = 2nd collection    † = In memoriam    \* = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass  
 All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: [transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot](https://transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot).

## CONFESSIONS

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

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

### FR. ERIC'S RAMBLINGS – CHRISTMAS...BE NOT AFRAID



One of the most consoling and encouraging messages of Christmas is the angelic message, “Do not be afraid.” This is a phrase that occurs 88 times in the Bible and is mostly spoken by God to His people. This phrase is repeated so often that it has been called a distillation of the whole Bible. The Lord said it to Abraham before cutting a covenant with him: “Don’t be afraid.” Angel Gabriel said it to Daniel when he was frightened by a terrifying vision: “Don’t be afraid.” The angel said it to Zechariah, future father of John the Baptist. Angel Gabriel said it to Mary, who was troubled at the news she received. An angel said it to shepherds startled by the Christmas glory that shone round them. Jesus repeatedly said it to His disciples, culminating in His resurrected appearance when He came to His grieving, fearful friends and spoke the words: “Don’t be afraid.” Mary Magdalene heard this same command when she was in the garden searching for Jesus in the empty tomb. So, on this Christmas day, perhaps this command is the very one God would give to us today:

*“Don’t be afraid.”*

Since it is found all over the Bible as words spoken by God, we can trust them. All of us have fears – fears for the safety of our families, fears of our own health and life, fears about possible accidents, illnesses, violent home intrusion, fears about our jobs. We are afraid of snakes and poisonous creatures, deep water and fire hazards. We are afraid of the health of a loved one that seems to be slipping away. We are all afraid to lose what we do have. We are still afraid that what we do have, may not be enough in the end. On a global level, we are afraid of terrorist attacks, nuclear warfare, religious persecution, global warming and so many other natural disasters. Christmas reminds us that if we fear God with reverential fear prompted by love, we don’t have to fear anything else in the world. We don’t have to fear people and things that can only hurt us in this life. No one can take away who we are in Christ. No one can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus!

On behalf of Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Fr. Callan, Fr. Joe, Deacon John, Deacon Jim and all the staff and parish leaders, we want to wish you a truly Christ-filled, joy-filled and love-filled Christmas.

### PARISH MISSION

**Coming this Lent to Our Lady of Fatima...  
A Parish Mission with Brother Mauricio Torres  
WITH FOCUS ON THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD**

Evening programming to include the Rosary, Special Talks,  
Live Stations of the Cross, Mass, Relics & Social Hour

**Mark Your Calendar for 6:30 p.m.!**

Monday, March 11	Transfiguration
Tuesday, March 12	St. Patrick
Wednesday, March 13	St. Boniface
Thursday, March 14	St. Mary



## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

*Reminder: Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are Days of Obligation. For your convenience, here is information to help you plan to celebrate accordingly.*

*We look forward to welcoming  
you and your family this  
**Christmas!***

Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.

### ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.	Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25
<b>Obligation may be fulfilled at either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass</li> <li>Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>Obligation may be fulfilled at either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24</li> <li>Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25</li> </ul>



### **Our Lady of Fatima's Christmas Church Office Hours**

Closed: December 25 & 26  
Shortened: December 27-29 | Closes at noon.  
Closed: January 1 & 2

## ALL ARE WELCOME *Celebrate Christmas Mass 2023*

Church:	Eve 12/24	Eve 12/24	Day 12/25	Day 12/25	New Year's* 1/1/24
Transfiguration West Milton		5 PM Fr. Steve		9 AM Fr. Terry Schneider	10 AM Fr. Steve
St. Patrick Troy	3 PM Fr. Eric	5 PM Fr. Joe	Midnight Fr. Eric	10 AM Fr. Eric	10 AM Fr. Callan
St. Mary Piqua		6 PM Fr. Ken Baker		8 AM Fr. Steve	
St. Boniface Piqua		4 PM Fr. Callan	Midnight Fr. Callan	10 AM Fr. Callan	10 AM Fr. Eric
St. Teresa Covington		4 PM Fr. Jim		9 AM Fr. Jim	10 AM Fr. Jim
*Feast of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) Not a Holy Day of Obligation					

*Enjoy Christmas carols prior  
to all Our Lady of Fatima Masses.*

COME, ENJOY...

*O Holy Night:  
A Musical Journey to Christmas*

During the half-hour preceding Midnight Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, come, journey toward the birth of Christ.

Beautiful carols will be sung by the choir and congregation, and readings from the Gospel of Luke will accompany the lighting of candles down the aisle of church - all leading toward the Christ-child being placed in the manger and the celebration of Midnight Mass.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH | TROY  
SUNDAY, 12/24/23 | 11:30 PM  
PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT MASS

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MINISTRIES

### SAFE PARISH

#### FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

Please make sure you are up-to-date on the child protection quarterly bulletins through SafeParish™. You will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy! (Our Lady of Fatima: sanderson@stpattroy.org)

### OCIA

#### Christmas Break – OCIA resumes the week of January 8.

For more information on how you can become initiated into the Catholic Church through OCIA (formerly RCIA), please contact Our Lady of Fatima's Director of Religious Education, Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org, or contact any of the Our Lady of Fatima church offices. We look forward to journeying with you!

### CCD

#### Christmas Break – CCD resumes the week of January 8.

To volunteer, for questions or to register your child for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), please contact Susan Anderson, at sanderson@stpattroy.org or 937-335-2833, ext. 2006.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Enjoy Christmas Break with Your Family!

No Bosco Nights – December 25, January 1

No Youth Group – December 24, 31

**ALL PARENTS** of students who are now in 6-12th grade, including those whose children are currently attending activities: Please list your children's names and grades here so that you can stay informed of Youth Ministry programming, special announcements and changes:



For questions, to register or to volunteer, please contact Annie Canavan at [coe@tchurch.org](mailto:coe@tchurch.org) or 937-703-2798.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### GRIEFSHARE FACILITATOR REQUEST

"GriefShare" is a support group that has been offered for more than 16 years and has proudly provided an outlet of love, peace and support for those going through the loss of a loved one. It offers a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and to be offered encouragement. The next sessions begin in February on Wednesdays, either at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The evening session facilitators will be out of state until spring. If you have gone through GriefShare, or understand a loss, and would have an interest in facilitating, please contact Pat Smith at [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com) with your interest or questions. It is such a beautiful ministry, offering great satisfaction to be able to help others who are going through this experience. Thank you.

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### YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US FOR THE FORMAL EVENT  
OF THE YEAR AT ST. PETER PARISH  
DANCING, MUSIC, BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS,  
LIGHT FOOD AND FESTIVE DRINKS!  
\$30 ONLINE AND \$40 AT THE DOOR  
WHILE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.  
YOUNG ADULT EVENT FOR AGES 19+  
TICKETS GO ON SALE  
NOVEMBER 17TH!

Epiphany Ball  
JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
7PM - 11PM



Visit Dayton Catholic Young Adult's Facebook page to learn more and get your ticket at [Facebook.com/DaytonCatholicYA](https://www.facebook.com/DaytonCatholicYA).

### MUSIC & LITURGY

#### THE ANTIPHONS: A MISSING PUZZLE PIECE

Beginning this Advent, Mass will sound a bit different throughout our Family of Parishes. Prior to the opening hymn, the cantor or choir will sing or read an "Entrance Antiphon." You might wonder, "*What is an antiphon?*" Simply put, the antiphons are a set of musical prayers which have been assigned to each Mass, just like the readings on Sunday that are set to a predetermined schedule. Every Mass, not just those in Advent, has a set of assigned antiphons which are to be sung or read during or before the entrance and Communion processions.\*

You might also wonder, "*Why are the antiphons important, and why are we singing them?*" Antiphons are important because they are a lens through which we can view the Scriptures more richly. The antiphons are commonly drawn from the Psalms and Old Testament, and make "comments" on the Gospel and readings of the day. They can highlight Old Testament prophecies that are brought to fruition in the life of Jesus, or comment with excitement on the events of the Gospels.

As we journey through this Advent season, I challenge you to pray with the texts of the antiphons – these "missing puzzle pieces" – at Mass. In a special way, notice the antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent (pink), traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday." The name Gaudete, translated: *rejoice*, comes directly from the Entrance Antiphon "*Gaudete in Domino...*" (Rejoice in the Lord always) and reminds us the coming of the Lord is near.

– Matt Wagner | Director of Music & Liturgy  
Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes

\* Source: "What Is An Antiphon?" by Dominic Kryst,  
Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Jackson, MI

*On behalf of our ministry directors and program volunteers,  
we are wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and  
wonderful Christmas season! We'll look forward to seeing  
you following the Christmas break!*



# ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

## ST. CLARE CHAPEL



St. Clare Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open currently during the week from Saturday, 5:00 a.m. through Thursday, 11:59 p.m. and on Friday from 4:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Guardians of Our Lord are still needed:

- † Thursday, 2:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.
- † Friday, 7:00 p.m. (every other week), 9:00 p.m.
- † Saturday, 11:00 a.m. (weeks 1, 2), 1:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (every other week)
- † Monday, 3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m.

**SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED** year-round, but especially now during the "snowbird" season. Journey toward the love and mercy of Jesus' love present in the Holy Eucharist, and allow Him to heal and renew your soul. To inquire about chapel, please contact Mike Epperly at 937-622-0112 or Mary Jane Karn at 937-778-0496.

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<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Gretchen Roeth	778-0325
<b>Bethany Center Outreach</b>	Shawn Rickert	615-9762
<b>Bingo Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>	Dan Fortman	773-0161
<b>Cursillo Movement/Ultreya</b>	Greg Johnson	778-8187
<b>The Center for Early Learning</b>	Jacqueline Hoffman	773-3876
<b>Caserta Center Coordinator</b>	Parish Office	773-1656
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Dennis DeBrosse	214-7945
<b>Knights of St. John</b>	Doug Francony	214-4915
<b>Knights of St. John Hall Rental</b>	Marv Cool	773-7033
<b>Parish/Family Life Committee</b>	Rose Hemm	778-8642
<b>Piqua Catholic School Board</b>		
<b>President</b>	Ryan Karn	214-0529
<b>Mission Committee</b>	Don Stonerock	773-2400
<b>Respect Life Committee</b>	Greg & Donna Johnson	778-8187
<b>Cavaliers In Action</b>	Ruthie Baker	474-7306
<b>St. Clara Ladies Society</b>	Bonne Decknadel	214-9092
<b>St. Clare Chapel</b>	Mike Epperly	622-0112
	Mary Jane Karn	778-0496
<b>SM Altar Society</b>	Barb Kohl	773-9205

## \$7-A-MONTH CLUB WINNERS – DECEMBER LUCINDA & KEITH ZIMMERMAN



### REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the soul **Patricia "Patsy" Epperly** and **Connie Cecil**. May God grant them peace and grant comfort to their loved ones. Amen.*

## MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Mission Committee meeting in the North Street Campus meeting room on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## PIQUA CATHOLIC DAILY DRAWING

**December 18-22:** Kirt Huemmer, Mike Yannucci, Richard Wion, Mark Fierce, Jen Heckman

## QUILT RAFFLE

**St. Boniface's 27th Annual Quilt Raffle – Three Quilts to Win!**

Proceeds benefit Oktoberfest. Winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, December 27, at St. Boniface Bingo. Need not be present to win.

- #1 A vintage "Wedding Ring" – Donated by Donita Gast | hand-quilted by Connie Bonifas, Betty Elliott, Dolores Latham, and Deb Tyler | bound by Michelle Patrizio and Janet Lee
- #2 A "Scrappy" Throw – Pieced by Janet Lee | tied by Karen Butt | bound by Connie Bonifas, Betty Elliott, and Deb Tyler
- #3 A Nativity Wall Hanging – Cross-stitched by Karen Barringer

**Raffle Tickets = \$1.00/each or 6/\$5.00**

### Get Your Tickets:

In the Fall Piqua Parishes Newsletter  
Online: [piquaparishes.org](http://piquaparishes.org) or [stbonifaceoktoberfest.org](http://stbonifaceoktoberfest.org)  
Mail/Drop: St. Boniface Church Office, 310 S. Downing, Piqua.  
Include name/phone number and memo "quilt."

Questions: [stbonifacequilt@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacequilt@gmail.com) | 937-773-1656



*Connie Bonifas, Deb Tyler,  
Dolores Latham, Betty Elliott*

## ST. BONIFACE & ST. MARY

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. BONIFACE

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

Altar Server	Bill Daniel
Extraordinary Ministers	Barbara Brush, Linda Ventura, Juanita Ventura, Robbie Webb
Lectors	Jill White, Stacey Earhart
Sacristan	Barbara Brush
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck Peltier, Joan Wright, Paul Penny, Diane Penny

#### Sunday, December 31 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	Kaden, Nolan & Ryan Earick
Extraordinary Ministers	Kelly Earhart, S. Mary Alice, Betty Peltier, Amy Woehrmyer
Lectors	Mary Ellen Buechter, Brian Carter
Sacristan	Dana Decknadel
Ushers/Greeters	Volunteer, Jody Josefovsky, Tom Jenkins, Marv Cool

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. MARY

#### Saturday, December 30 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Bell, K. Dunbar, F. Friend
Extraordinary Ministers	B. Kiefer, C. Oda, P. Heater, J. Mikolajewski
Lectors	B. Karpinski, T. Watts
Sacristan	T. Watts
Ushers/Greeters	R. Ventura, P. Larger, 2 Volunteers

#### Sunday, December 31 – 9:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	O. DeBrosse, P. DeBrosse, C. Calvert
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Buecker, R. Foster, T. Foster, M. Giesseman
Lectors	M. Hogston, B. Hogston
Sacristan	G. Stonerock
Ushers/Greeters	R. Foster, S. Kalmar, D. Francony, P. Jenkins

## ST. PATRICK

### ST. PATRICK CONTACTS

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<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Sue Hastings	937-339-2945
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### TRAVELING SHAMROCKS



**Traveling Shamrocks**  
**Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park**  
**June 30-July 6, 2024**

Trip Highlights: Calgary, Head-Smashed Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Banff, Athabasca Glacier.

Traveler's Choice on Tour: Ice Explorer Glacier Tour or Columbia Icefield Skywalk, Lake Louise

Because this trip has been so popular, more seats have been requested from Collette. Reservation deadline is this weekend with final payment due May 1, 2024.

Find more info:  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1209527>

**Plus! Save-the-Date:**  
**"Southern Charm" | September 23-29, 2024!**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. PATRICK

#### Saturday, December 30 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	W. Swan, C. Unger
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Scott, K. Scott, Dcn J. Carlin
Lector	K. Lins
Sacristan	S. Carlin

#### Sunday, December 31 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	L. Barsotti
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Jent, T. Jent, K. Vendryes
Lector	I. Voisard
Sacristan	K. Vendryes

#### Sunday, December 31 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Cianciolo, W. Koesters, O. Poppelman
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Cianciolo, Dcn J. Carlin, M. Gifford, P. Cartwright
Lector	A. Cianciolo
Sacristan	M. Henry

#### Sunday, December 31 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	M. Cathcart, W. Rippey
Extraordinary Ministers	D. Wolfe, M. Lauer, E. Sheridan
Lector	G. Rinehart
Sacristan	D. Wolfe

### WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

**December 11 – Jim Millhouse**



## ST. TERESA

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ST. TERESA

#### Sunday, December 31 – 7:30 a.m.

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

#### Sunday, December 31 – 10:30 a.m.

Altar Server	Need Volunteer
Extraordinary Minister	D. Boehringer
Lector	M. Coate
Ushers	L. Coate, D. Tobias

### ST. TERESA CONTACTS

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

### PARISH TASK LISTS

Parish Task Lists will be completed soon and will be available at both church entrances.

## TRANSFIGURATION

### TRANSFIGURATION CONTACTS

<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Shelly Thompson	937-698-4520
<b>Altar Rosary Society</b>	Rosalie Dzendzel	937-698-3251
<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	Mike Schubert	937-836-5735
<b>Homebound Ministry</b>	Mary Allen	937-269-2558
<b>Street Saints</b>	Jeanne White	937-829-5147



### REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the soul **Anne Favorite**. May God grant her peace and grant comfort to her loved ones. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you use weekly offertory envelopes and haven't picked them up yet, please get your 2024 envelope box from the back of church. Thank you.

### GIVING TREE

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

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Transfiguration received \$375.94 from Kroger Community Rewards. Thank you for linking your Kroger Plus Card to our church so that we can earn charitable donations with your everyday purchases!

### BULLDOG BAGS

With rising food prices, we are spending a lot more to provide students with what they need. We have also had a rise in the number of kids receiving the packages. If you are considering a year-end gift to a charity, please consider giving to Milton-Union Bulldog Bags. We provide bags of food to 250 students each Friday to take home for the weekend. Your financial support, no matter the amount, would be put to great use. Thank you so much!

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS – TRANSFIGURATION

#### Saturday, December 30 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	O. Sanders, D. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers	V. Daum, Need 2 Volunteers
Lector	K. Kehrer
Sacristan	C. Crabtree
Ushers	C. Crabtree, B. Alsip, D. Zerkel, Volunteer

#### Sunday, December 31 – 7:30 a.m.

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

#### Sunday, December 31 – 10:00 a.m.

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

### SAVE-THE-DATE FOR ART & CRAFT NIGHT!

**Thursday, January 11, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.**

**Project: Faux Stained Glass**



### STREET SAINTS

"Street Saints" is collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and needy in our area. Please drop your donation in the box in the vestibule.

### PART-TIME MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE NEEDED

We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance employee to work 20-24 hours per week for Transfiguration and St. Patrick churches. Desired individual will have basic maintenance skills and be physically able to perform various maintenance tasks. Candidates should submit an e-mail expressing interest to [bmgr@tchurch.org](mailto:bmgr@tchurch.org).

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Sign up with three easy steps: Log in to your Kroger account | Locate the "Kroger Community Rewards" program | Choose "PIQUA CATHOLIC-PTO" as the organization you wish to support and click save. That's it! You're earning money for our school! If you have any questions, call the school at 937-541-3305. Thank you for supporting Piqua Catholic School and our students.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I want to start by saying THANK YOU, for all of your support! We are truly grateful to be a part of Our Lady of Fatima and especially part of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

We've been very busy the last month or so. The Black & White Community Affair and our Giving Tuesday Campaign went very well – both benefiting St. Patrick Catholic School! Thank you to all who supported these events.

St. Nick came to visit us on December 1. He visited every classroom, and the students were so excited. (Thank you Chuck Karnehm!)

Our staff Christmas party was celebrated at the Light on the Hill venue in Casstown. Such a beautiful place to come together with an amazing group of people. We are blessed beyond measure for the loving and caring staff we have. As you can see in the picture, Mrs. Bey is having a great time sitting with Fr. Eric and Lindsay Williams. LOL.

We are looking forward to a great 2024! Please watch the bulletin and Facebook for school announcements and information.



Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,  
Cyndi Cathcart

## MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" PROGRAM FOR COVINGTON OUTREACH ASSOCIATION

Covington Outreach Association (COA) was once again chosen by Meijer to be their Food Pantry Partner for the Winter 2023 Campaign. The "Simply Give" campaign will run through Saturday, December 30. For every \$10 Simply Give card that is purchased, Meijer will match so that the COA receives \$20! Purchase your "Simply Give" cards in support of COA at the Troy Meijer location. We greatly appreciate the continued support that the Covington-area churches and our community provides to our neighbors who are struggling. We couldn't do it without you!

## RETRouvaille

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For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program, beginning with a weekend on January 5-7, 2024, please visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR LIFE – TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Hurry and get yours before they sell out! Hosted by the Combs and Hummel families. Proceeds to benefit Dayton Right to Life. December 31, 2023 – Doors open 7:00 p.m. Location: Romer's Banquet Hall, 118 E. Main Street, Greenville. Semi-Formal Attire. DJ – Dance the decades all night! Heavy Hors d'oeuvres catered by Romer's throughout the evening. Cash bar. Door prizes! Tickets \$40.00/Person. Kids under 3, free. Invite your family and friends! For tickets, contact Teresa Combs at 937-478-6270, Yeva Hummel at [Yevahummel@gmail.com](mailto:Yevahummel@gmail.com) or Romer's Greenville at 937-548-2202.



### CATHOLIC NURSE GATHERING: RETIRED, ACTIVE & STUDENT

For those who are retired, actively working or who are in school to become a nurse, please join as your schedule permits each month for First Saturdays at Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein!

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10:30 a.m. – Fellowship in Gast Gallery

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Meeting in Gast Gallery

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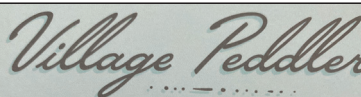


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