

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES ACCOMPANIES PEOPLE IN BECOMING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

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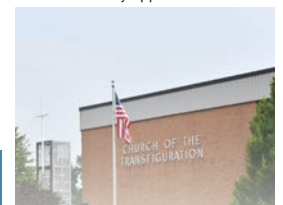
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Hours by Appointment



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937-698-4520  
transfigurationcatholicchurch.org  
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASS

|    | Vigil   | Sunday                       |
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| SB | 3:30 PM | 11:00 AM                     |
| SM | 5:00 PM | 9:15 AM                      |
| SP | 5:00 PM | 7:30 AM   9:30 AM   11:30 AM |
| ST |         | 7:30 AM                      |
| TR |         | 7:30 AM   10:00 AM           |

## CONFESSION

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| Monday    | SB | 11:15-11:45 AM |
| Tuesday   | ST | 4:00-5:00 PM   |
| Wednesday | SP | 6:00-6:45 PM   |
| Thursday  | TR | 6:00-6:45 PM   |
| Saturday  | SM | 9:15-9:45 AM   |
| Saturday  | SP | 4:00-4:30 PM   |

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| SP | Wednesday | 8:30 AM-7:00 PM |
| TR | Thursday  | 9:00 AM-7:00 PM |

St. Clare Adoration Chapel – Located behind St. Boniface  
Closed: Thursday, Midnight-4:00 AM and  
Friday, 10:00 PM to Saturday, 6:00 AM. Open all other hours.

**Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes (OLF)**! If you are visiting or new to the area, we are a faith-filled Catholic community that is comprised of five Roman Catholic churches, two Catholic schools and a beautiful spiritual center within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (NW-6 region). We accompany people in becoming disciples of Christ.

On behalf of pastor Fr. Eric Bowman, our clergy, staff and parishioners, you are invited to grow in your faith and even closer to Jesus alongside of us. Find resources, ways to get involved in parish life and times and places of worship within the bulletin. Follow "Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes – Ohio" on Facebook to connect further.

To register for a church, or if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we are here to support you – contact a church office to be welcomed.

**Parishioners, please let the church office know of changes to your address, phone or email.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CONTACT YOUR CHURCH OFFICE!

**PARISHIONER CONTACT INFO:** Be sure to keep your address, phone number and e-mail up-to-date with your registered church, so you don't miss important things.

**BAPTISM – Congrats, New Parents!** Class is required, by appointment. Prior to Baptizing your child, register for your Baptism Class: [pat@fatima-family.org](mailto:pat@fatima-family.org) | 937-335-2833. OLF Baptism Classes are held at St. Patrick Parish Center (white building behind the school), upstairs Room 3.

**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:** In order to serve as a volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan-compliant and registered with the SafeParish program.

### RESOURCES

Find great content and wholesome Catholic programs, movies, books and resources, at "FORMED!" This online resource is a gift to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' parishioners. Please take advantage of it! Visit [stpattroy.formed.org](http://stpattroy.formed.org). Simply enter "St. Patrick, Troy, OH," your name and e-mail. Everyone can use it!

FIND WEEKEND MASS & PRIEST SCHEDULES ON OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCHES' WEBSITES.

**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!**

Peace be with you. Last time, I expanded on the sympathy of friends. I'd like to continue to reflect on this as togetherness never grows old. Rather, it is a core need of our human experience: to belong. Before I was a Counselor, I was a hospital chaplain. One day, I was called to the surgery waiting area. Tragedy struck as a patient unexpectedly died while in surgery. A team of hospital staff was being formed to inform the family who was in the waiting room. The consultation room was small and so I remained on the outside while the doctor informed the family. After he was done, the doctor came out and told me to "do something" to make the family feel better. Experiencing some of the immense pain this family was feeling, I remembered struggling to think of helpful words or phrases. Then I recalled a "peace" of wisdom: Don't just do something, sit there. Now, this might sound backwards, but in times of overwhelming pain, it's the ONLY thing that makes sense. Presence is the present. Never underestimate the power of your presence when someone is deeply burdened. The hug, the warmth, the hand hold, the tears, the sighs. The permission to be and be seen. It's more helpful than you could ever imagine. Come and see.

### ANNOUNCING ANAMNESIS COUNSELING CENTER

(FORMERLY THE LOCATION OF RUAH WOODS NORTH OFFICE)



**Anamnesis**  
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**Same counselor. New practice. Same location.**

**Fellow parishioner. Renewed approach.**

This change creates an opportunity to renew the approach, but with the same level of effective care. What does Anamnesis mean? Anamnesis (an-uhm-NEE-sis) is the Greek word for "to remember." At Anamnesis Counseling Center, we slow down what hurts, name what's broken, and work toward restoration through evidence-based psychotherapy—rooted in truth and guided by God's love. As we "remember" who you are, we put your story back into alignment, so you can move forward with renewed confidence and live more fully within the call to holiness. For more information, please visit [AnamnesisCenter.com](http://AnamnesisCenter.com).

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## Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Register today at [catholicaoc.org/conversations](http://catholicaoc.org/conversations)



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>12:10 p.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Boniface | †Mary Grilliot<br>John Boggs<br>†Melissa McElDowney | <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i><br><i>Eph 4:1-7, 11-13</i><br><i>Mt 9:9-13</i> |
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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m. | St. Patrick<br>St. Boniface<br>Transfiguration | Bill Pierce<br>†JoAnn Lyons<br>†Bill Platfoot & Family | <i>Prv 21:1-6, 10-13</i><br><i>Lk 8:19-21</i> |
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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Mary | †James Siegel<br>† <b>Purgatorian Mass:</b> Theresa Lawson, John Boggs<br>†Jerry Richard | <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i><br><i>Prv 30:5-9</i><br><i>Lk 9:1-6</i> |
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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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| 8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m. | Transfiguration<br>St. Patrick<br>St. Boniface | Living & Deceased of Hemmerle & Drerup Families<br>†Eddie Usserman<br>†Joan Wright | <i>Eccl 1:2-11</i><br><i>Lk 9:7-9</i> |
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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8:30 a.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Mary | For Those in Purgatory<br>Shirley Hutchinson<br>†Hannah O'Leary | <i>Eccl 3:1-11</i><br><i>Lk 9:18-22</i> |
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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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| 8:30 a.m.<br>3:30 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m. | St. Mary<br>St. Boniface<br>St. Patrick<br>St. Mary | †Margaret Coby<br>†Bobby & Thelma Masters<br>Herman & Darlene Spring<br>†Dorothy Hemmert Frantz | <i>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i><br><i>Eccl 11:9--12:8</i><br><i>Lk 9:43b-45</i> |
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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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| 7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Teresa<br>St. Mary<br>St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Boniface<br>St. Patrick | †Dee Collins<br>The Deceased Members of the Lokai & Kunka Families<br>†Elaine Christian<br>†Jim & Susie Apple<br>†Jeanett Laufer<br><b>Living &amp; Deceased of OLF</b><br>†Robert "Bob" Heckman<br>†Lucy DiSalvo | <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br><i>Ez 18:25-28</i><br><i>Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5</i><br><i>Mt 21:28-32</i> |
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\$ = Second 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).

## ANDREW DINNERS



## HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is hosting an Andrew Dinner on Thursday, September 24 within Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes! RSVP with the link below. This will be held in the St. Patrick Catholic Church undercroft. Andrew Dinners are for high school and college-age men to provide an opportunity for young men to learn about priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and the vocation director, and to share a meal together! Share the opportunity with a young man in your life!

More info and registration: <https://catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners>.

Contact Fr. Michael Willig at [mwillig@catholicaoc.org](mailto:mwillig@catholicaoc.org) or 513-263-3390 with questions. Our local priests will be present and support our young men, as well!

## FR. ERIC BOWMAN'S RAMBLINGS

*Lord, Increase My Faith...*

There are so many times we find ourselves in situations where our faith is tested, or, at times in our lives, where we seem to have no faith. Even the apostles in Luke 17:5 ask Jesus to increase their faith. In the Catholic Church, faith is a free gift from God that gives people the power to believe in Him and accept His truth. St. Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, describes faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

Fr. Eugene Hamilton, was ordained a priest and died on the same day in 1997. He was diagnosed with terminal cancer at a young age, but dreamed and desired to be a priest. He entered seminary but quickly learned he would die before being ordained. He received special permission from Rome to be ordained, and three hours later he passed away, a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. His spiritual director was Fr. Benedict Groschel, CFR, and in his book, "A Priest Forever," Fr. Groschel asked Fr. Eugene how he could manage to get up everyday and push toward his goal in light of his terminal diagnosis and extreme pain. Fr. Eugene answered by saying, "I reach my hand through the darkness, with complete confidence that God is reaching through from the other side."

You may remember "The Secret Life of Mother Teresa," the September 3, 2007, Time Magazine cover story about St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Journalist David Van Biema reported a decade after Mother Teresa's death that her secret letters showed that she spent almost 50 years without sensing the presence of God in her life. She wrote:

*"Lord, my God, who am I that you should forsake me? I call, I cling, I want – and there is no One to answer – no One on Whom I can cling – no, No ONE. – Alone... Where is my Faith – even deep down right in, there is nothing, but emptiness and darkness. My God, how painful is this unknown pain. I have no Faith. I dare not utter the words and thoughts that crowd in my heart – and make me suffer untold agony. So many unanswered questions live within me afraid to uncover them – because of the blasphemy. If there be God – please forgive me – When I try to raise my thoughts to Heaven – there is such convicting emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives and hurt my soul."*

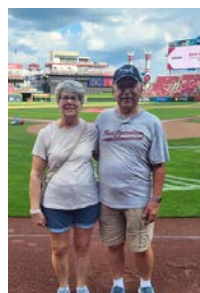
Mother Teresa wasn't feeling Christ's love. She could have shut down. But instead, she was up at 4:30 every morning for Jesus, and still also wrote to Him, "Your happiness is all I want." This shows her commitment, fidelity and vulnerability. We all struggle in our faith. We are not angels. Every saint struggled in their faith. It is normal to question our faith in God. God is not offended by our doubts or struggle in faith. He is willing to reassure us, and to stand by us. We should know that when we struggle in our faith, our faith is alive. Theologian Paul Tillich said doubt and struggle in faith are not the opposite of faith but an integral element of it. Struggling in faith like Habakkuk or the Apostles shows that we are on the right path. God upholds your faith.

### A DAY AT THE BALLPARK!

Parishioners from Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes enjoyed a day at the Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Brewers game on September 5 and got to meet Archbishop Robert Casey during Catholic Family Night!

Rocco and Carol Latino are parishioners of the Church of the Transfiguration. Rocco was honored on the field by Catholic Social Services for volunteering nearly 400 hours for the Rides Connect program, transporting those in need to medical appointments for more than 10,000 miles!

Jonathan and Emily Cheek, attendees of St. Mary, won tickets for their family from the St. Patrick Shamrock Shindig, and brought their children, Carter and Addie to the game! "We couldn't believe that we got to meet Archbishop Casey. He was so friendly and kind. They were so excited to meet him! Definitely a core memory for me as a mom, especially since my husband and I will be starting OCIA to join the Catholic Church! Brings me to tears every time I think about that moment!"



## OLF STAFF & CLERGY



### MAINTENANCE JOB OPPORTUNITY NOW AVAILABLE!

Interested in the trades and craftsmanship? Do you have interest, skills and experience with equipment and facilities maintenance? Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes is seeking a maintenance person to apprentice for St. Patrick's campus and to support St. Teresa on occasion. Send a resume and an email of interest to [HR@fatima-family.org](mailto:HR@fatima-family.org).

### *In Loving Memory*

Please join Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' priests and staff, as we grieve and as we pray for the repose of the soul of Shawn Saunders, our St. Boniface Catholic Church & Piqua Catholic School (Downing Street Campus) maintenance employee and friend. He passed away suddenly and will be sorely missed. Our prayers will also remain with his wife and son for their healing. Shawn knew and followed Jesus, led worship and was highly involved with his church. His joy, kindness and service to OLF was appreciated.

*Sympathy cards may be dropped off at the St. Boniface office.*



*May eternal light shine upon him.*

♥ *Shawn Saunders* ♥

*May 7, 1979-September 10, 2026*



## OLF MINISTRIES

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION



OLF ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMMING WILL BE BASED ON CREDO "I BELIEVE!" HERE IS A GLIMPSE OF SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT PRIESTS, GUEST PRESENTERS, CATECHISTS AND MINISTRY LEADERS BRING OUR PARISHES TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE SEEKING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. *These qualify as OCIA Elective Credits.*

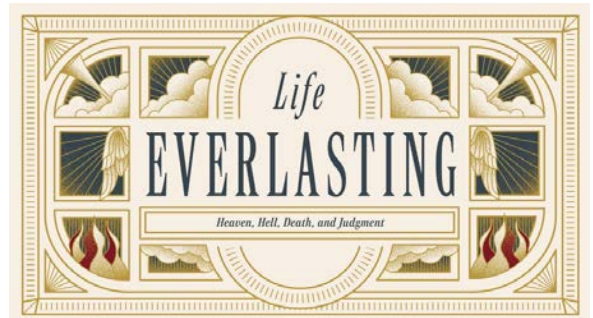
### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

**OLF Bible Study: Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, & Judgment**, is a five-session Bible Study that explores what the Church teaches about the **Last Things**. Each session will help you understand why these teachings are not meant to cause fear but to inspire hope and deeper trust in God's promise of eternal life.

With powerful videos and easy-to-follow readings, you will gain a deeper understanding of the **Last Things** while discovering how living with eternity in mind gives everyday life greater meaning and purpose.

Sundays | 6:00 p.m. | 9/20, 27 & 10/11, 10/18 –  
St. Patrick (Participants will be notified of the location each week)  
Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. | 9/23, 30 & 10/14, 10/21 –  
St. Patrick (Church Undercroft, Crawford Street Door)

**Order a book and/or access online:** [Ascensionpress.org](http://Ascensionpress.org)  
*Workbook is \$15.99 + shipping or Online access is \$6.95*

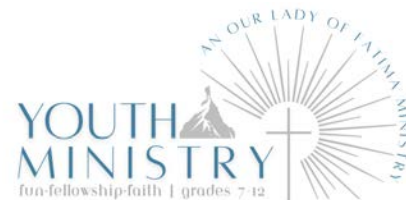


# OLF MINISTRIES

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### OLF Youth Ministry has a stacked programming line-up coming your way for 2026-2027!

Youth Group begins 9/20/26, 6:30-8 PM at Transfig Youth Building. Dinner provided! Bring a friend!



### DAMASCUS PARENTS: NEWS FLASH!

It's time for 2027 Damascus Summer Camp (formerly CYSC) registration! Thanks to a special arrangement, Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes' (OLF) campers will get to **REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW** – ahead of the October general registration! If you have been part of the OLF "group block" e-mails in the past, you will receive an e-mail with more details on how to register. To be included on these announcements, send a message to [staceyearhart3@gmail.com](mailto:staceyearhart3@gmail.com). Plus, a **COST SAVINGS FOR "OLF DISCIPLESHP" REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS!** A limited block of bunks have been secured just for OLF students and friends! First-come, first-served.

### Save-the-Date

**2026 Damascus Summer Camp | Week 3 – June 20-25, 2027**

**Reminder:** For students who will be incoming 6-12th graders during the next (2027-2028) school year. (Current year's 5th graders, this means YOU!)

**Download the OLF Youth Ministry REMIND App to stay informed. Parents (and students with parent permission) add these class REMIND codes for upcoming event notifications and important reminders!**



**DOWNLOAD THE REMIND APP TO GET QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**Don't miss important, brief announcements!**

So that we don't max-out our free account quota in each "class code," please only add the code(s) that pertains to you. Add/remove your Class Codes according to your situation this year. Thanks!



### ADD THE RELEVANT CLASS CODES TO JOIN:

Youth Ministry - Activities, Youth Group Sundays, Summer Programs, Weather Changes, etc:

**YM PARENTS ONLY - @ba389ek**

**YM TEENS ONLY - @79adck6**

If your teen registers for the new DISCIPLESHP Program, teens/parents can add this:

**DISCIPLESHP - @78decd3**

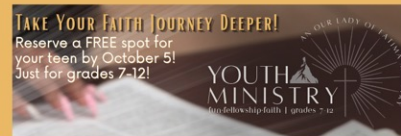
For 8<sup>th</sup> gr. parents whose public/Catholic school/homeschool student will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year:

**OLF Confirmation - @39fkhh**

**7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. CCD (Parents) - @74bgg6**

**NEW!** Teens and parents spoke, and we listened! Fr. Schmiesing, Fr. Eric, Natalie and a growing Core Team of leaders have prepared a new program that will go deeper into the faith, Scripture and teen community building than ever before! "Discipleship" **ENROLLMENT IS OPEN NOW!** Learn more here!

**DISCIPLESHP**



### REGISTER FOR 26-27 "DISCIPLESHP!"

9/27 10/11 10/25 11/8 11/22 12/13 1/10/27 1/24 2/7 2/28 3/14 4/11  
(Alternates Sundays with Youth Group.)

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, & MAKE NEW, FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIPS! FRIENDS FROM NON-OLF CHURCHES ARE WELCOME TO ENROLL.

Building Catholic identity, the practice of a sacramental life & missionary discipleship through discussion, prayer, Scripture & service with peers & awesome adult mentors/priests!

### DISCIPLESHP



**BONUS!** ONE-TIME, \$100 SCHOLARSHIP FOR 27 DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP FEE IN FORM OF A REFUND! (PARTICIPATION MINIMUM REQUIRED.)

[YOUTHMINISTRY@FATIMA-FAMILY.ORG](mailto:YOUTHMINISTRY@FATIMA-FAMILY.ORG)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### 2026-2027 Our Lady of Fatima CCD Registration IS NOW OPEN!

### Classes for K-6 have begun!

Tuesdays | 6-7 PM @ St. Patrick location | Special Needs + K-6th

Wednesdays | 6-7 PM @ Transfiguration location | K-6th

### 7/8th Grade Begins THIS SUNDAY!

September 20 | 5-6 PM @ St. Patrick location for ALL 7/8th graders

Contact Director of Religious Education, Susan Anderson at [susan@fatima-family.org](mailto:susan@fatima-family.org) with questions.



### Junior OCIA

If your student is off schedule from receiving their 2nd grade or 8th grade Sacraments, or has missed a year of religious education (CCD/Catholic school) please contact [religiously@fatima-family.org](mailto:religiously@fatima-family.org) so that Junior OCIA can be offered. Those classes and meetings are offered in Troy and Piqua.

## OLF MINISTRIES

### CATHOLIC LOVE IN ACTION

#### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

Advocate to protect human dignity, and join for the annual Right to Life, "Life Chain," October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Gather in front of the Miami County Court House to pick up signs for your use, and spread out along Main Street. Show your support for the lives of the unborn, young, disabled, handicapped, ill and the elderly. Contact Dave Enneking at 937-726-7299 with questions. Continue to pray for the sanctity of life.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

**Pre-Rally Concert** | 10:00 a.m. **Rally** | 11:00 a.m. **March** | 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Ohio State House, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus

Go with a group of friends or share your interest in carpooling with Dave Enneking, Miami County Right to Life, 937-726-7299.

## OLF CURRENT EVENTS



Help honor 75 years of St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church history! Let's enhance the funds of St. Teresa so that it continues to provide stability and have maintenance funds for years and liturgies to come!

**Make your gift to "St. Teresa" in honor of its 75th Anniversary:**

**\$7.50 – \$75 – \$750 – \$7,500**



Registered St. Teresa parishioners, check your mailbox for information about the Anniversary Mass & Dinner on Saturday, October 3, 2026! **A limited edition commemorative ornament will be available for purchase at and after the event on October 3.** Please use the link here to sign up to bring a side dish on October 3, or call Mary Hensley, 937-308-7015, and she can take your information over the phone.

Thank you for being part of our history and our celebratory year!

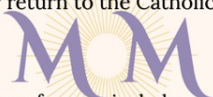


**One Hour - One Purpose - God's Children**

**TUESDAYS | 6-7 PM**

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
310 S. Downing St., Piqua

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility and for God's children to faithfully return to the Catholic Church.



The one-hour of prayer includes meditation, a scripture reading, hymns and the Rosary. You are invited to participate in this powerful and quiet prayer group according to your availability.

Susan (937) 214-0579, Donna (937) 615-4538, Cindy (937) 541-9533

### THE 45TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK OCTOBER LUNCHEON

**Ticket sales are happening NOW!**

Join the outstanding fellowship, food by Eloquence Catering & raffles for this fundraising tradition for St. Patrick Catholic Church!

Winners need NOT be present to win!  
**\$100 INCLUDES ALL FOUR LUNCHES & RAFFLE TICKETS.**  
**ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.**

**FRIDAY RAFFLE LUNCHEONS**  
**OCTOBER 2 - 9 - 16 - 23**

**Get your ticket!**  
Contact the St. Patrick office:  
937.335.2833

**Transfiguration Doughnut Sunday**  
**September 27, after both Masses**



## OLF CURRENT EVENTS

The Traveling Shamrocks presents to  
Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes & Friends:

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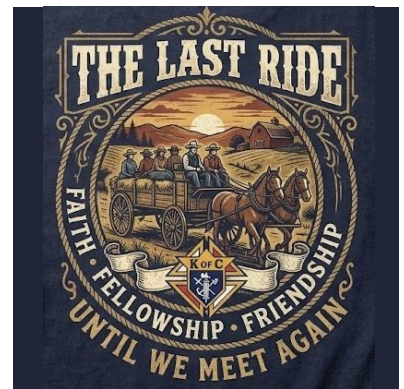
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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### ST. BONIFACE

#### Saturday, September 26 – 3:30 p.m.

|                         |                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | M. Perry, G. Peterson, M. Peterson              |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Volunteer, R. Webb, B. Brush, J. Herbe, K. Roth |
| Lectors                 | R. Curtis, J. Ventura                           |
| Sacristan               | B. Brush                                        |
| Ushers/Greeters         | C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp       |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 11:00 a.m.

|                         |                                                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | E. Carter, E. Hemm, C. Jacob                       |
| Extraordinary Ministers | A. Woehrmyer, L. Stotler, M. McDonald, ME Buechter |
| Lectors                 | D. Decknadel, M. Garman                            |
| Sacristan               | D. Decknadel                                       |
| Ushers/Greeters         | B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, J. Knapke, M. Cool    |

### ST. MARY

#### Saturday, September 26 – 5:00 p.m.

|                         |                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | D. Richard, D. Richard, G. Staley               |
| Extraordinary Ministers | C. Cianciolo, A. Epperly, M. Epperly, Volunteer |
| Lectors                 | M. Ford, G. Fulks                               |
| Sacristan               | A. Epperly                                      |
| Ushers/Greeters         | R. Ventura, P. Larger, J. Hemmert, Volunteer    |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 9:15 a.m.

|                         |                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | E. Verrill, N. Verrill, S. Weiser                |
| Extraordinary Ministers | D. Stonerock, G. Stonerock, J. Bates, T. Buecker |
| Lectors                 | T. Burnside, A. Cecil                            |
| Sacristan               | D. Stonerock                                     |
| Ushers/Greeters         | J. Bertke, D. Francony, G. Peltier, J. Peltier   |

### ST. TERESA

#### Sunday, September 27 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Altar Server            | J. Kuether            |
| Extraordinary Ministers | E. Clark, Volunteer   |
| Lector                  | K. Bartley            |
| Ushers                  | T. Kuether, C. Wehner |

### ST. PATRICK

#### Saturday, September 26 – 5:00 p.m.

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | C. Pannapara, L. Subler         |
| Extraordinary Ministers | S. Keller, Dcn. John, S. Knight |
| Lector                  | V. Pannapara                    |
| Sacristan               | T. Pannapara                    |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | J. Andrejcio, J. Bockey             |
| Extraordinary Ministers | J. Lehrter, Dcn. John, T. Cianciolo |
| Lector                  | C. Bockey                           |
| Sacristan               | J. Lehrter                          |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 9:30 a.m.

|                         |                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | H. Anthony, L. Gudorf, O. Gudorf                          |
| Extraordinary Ministers | A. Cianciolo, S. Gudorf, J. Miller, T. Canavan, K. Miller |
| Lector                  | J. Gudorf                                                 |
| Sacristan               | S. Gudorf                                                 |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 11:30 a.m.

|                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | Camden Via, Nolan Via            |
| Extraordinary Ministers | E. Sheridan, J. Iames, B. Purpus |
| Lector                  | M. Purpus                        |
| Sacristan               | E. Sheridan                      |

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#### Sunday, September 27 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                                              |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | Volunteers                                   |
| Extraordinary Ministers | D. Williams, R. Gallegos, M. Desch           |
| Lector                  | S. Schaurer                                  |
| Sacristan               | R. Gallegos                                  |
| Ushers                  | N. Craport, R. Gallegos, J. Stutz, Volunteer |

#### Sunday, September 27 – 10:00 a.m.

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | G. Moore, J. Moore, Volunteer       |
| Extraordinary Ministers | T. Fisher, Michael & Maira Olenchuk |
| Lectors                 | C. August, M. Schubert              |
| Sacristan               | R. Gallegos                         |
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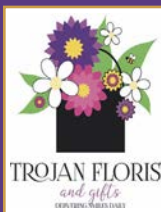


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