



Our Lady of Fatima

FAMILY OF PARISHES

OCTOBER

4

2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PASTOR: Fr. Eric Bowman | **VICARS:** Fr. Martin Bachman, Fr. Jacob Schmiesing
SUNDAY ASSOCIATE: Fr. Joseph Kozar | **DEACON:** John Carlin



Spend Time with Our Lord in Adoration

"Each one of us is a coworker of Christ - we must labor hard to carry Him to the hearts where He has not yet been known and loved - but, unless we have Jesus, we cannot give Him; that is why we need the Eucharist. Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and He will fill you with His strength and His power."

- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)
310 S. Downing St. Piqua 45356
937-773-1656 | piquaparisches.org
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



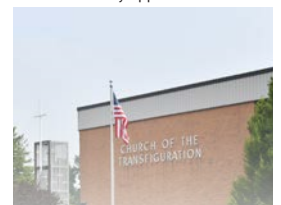
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)
528 Broadway St. Piqua 45356
937-773-1327 | piquaparisches.org
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)
409 E. Main St. Troy 45373
937-335-2833 | stpatrick.org
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS (ST)
6925 W. US Rt. 36 Covington 45318
937-473-2970 | stteresacovington.org
Hours by Appointment



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TR)
972 S. Miami St. West Milton 45383
937-698-4520
transfigurationcatholicchurch.org
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS

	Vigil	Sunday
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

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

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 | 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.

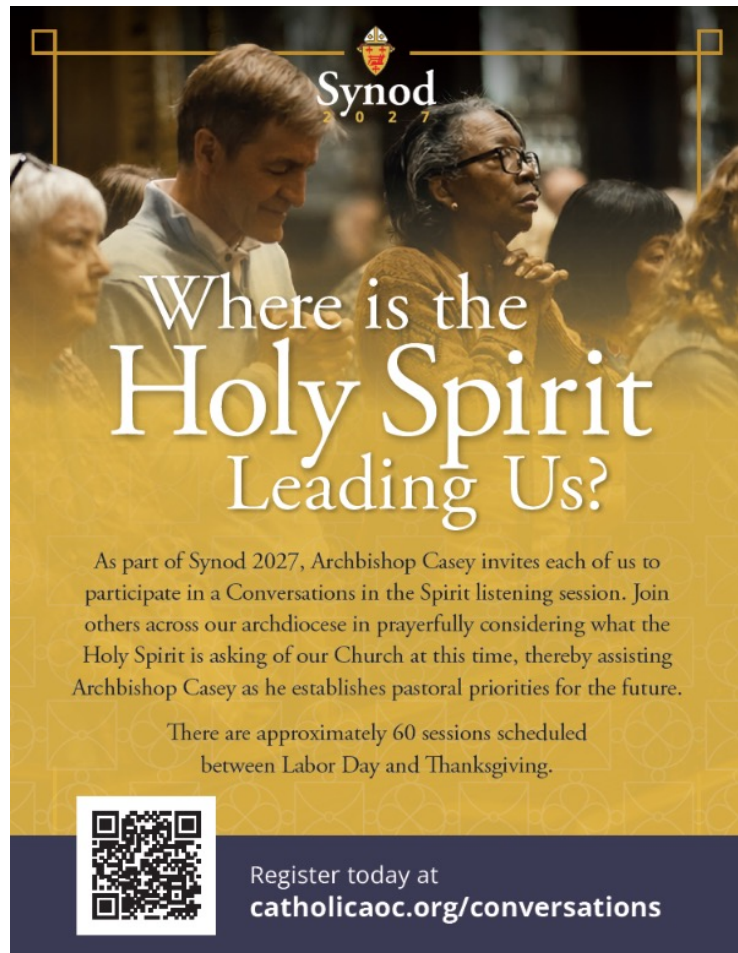
SAFEPARISH: In order to serve as a volunteer with children within Our Lady of Fatima, you must be Archdiocesan-compliant and registered with the SafeParish program.

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. 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 and scrolling to the final page!



Synod 2027

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

OLF church offices will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

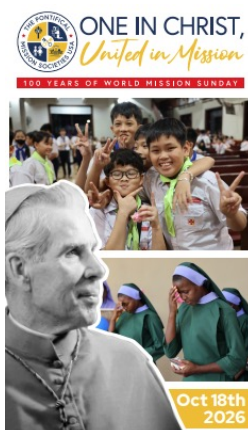
THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

OCTOBER 2026

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Our Father / Hail Mary / Glory Be



ONE IN CHRIST, United in Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Oct 18th 2026

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 18, 2026

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies
USA (1950-1966)

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Bob & Sue Unger	<i>St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†The Harter & Houser Families	<i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>
12:10 p.m.	St. Boniface	†Shirley Richard	<i>Gal 1:6-12</i>
7:30 p.m.	St. Teresa	Charismatic Healing Mass	<i>Lk 10:25-37</i>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Una Rae Sweeney	<i>St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	†Shawn Saunders	<i>Gal 1:13-24</i>
12:00 p.m.	Transfiguration	†Bill Platfoot & Family	<i>Lk 10:38-42</i>
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Holy Souls of Purgatory	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	† Purgatorian Mass: Theresa Lawson	<i>Gal 2:1-2, 7-14</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Charlie Mertz	<i>Lk 11:1-4</i>
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8			
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	Living & Deceased of the Wellman & Hummel Families	<i>Gal 3:1-5</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	Caitlin & Colleen O'Grady	<i>Lk 11:5-13</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Boniface	†Bonnie Mollman	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9			
7:45 a.m.	St. Patrick	Our Lady of Fatima Parishes Priests & Deacons	<i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;</i>
8:15 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Rosa Hoening	<i>St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†Melissa McElDowney	<i>Gal 3:7-14</i> <i>Lk 11:15-26</i>
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10			
8:30 a.m.	St. Mary	†John Bertke	<i>Gal 3:22-29</i>
3:30 p.m.	St. Boniface \$	†Patrick Hellman	<i>Lk 11:27-28</i>
5:00 p.m.	St. Patrick	†Steve Baker	
5:00 p.m.	St. Mary	†Hal Heiner	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11			
7:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Helen Gheen	<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Carl Hoening	<i>Is 25:6-10a</i>
7:30 a.m.	St. Teresa	Vern & Jane Monnin	<i>Phil 4:12-14, 19-20</i>
9:15 a.m.	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of OLF	<i>Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10</i>
9:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Gene Gretch	
10:00 a.m.	Transfiguration	†Brooks Barnes	
11:00 a.m.	St. Boniface \$	†Ralph Quinter	
11:30 a.m.	St. Patrick	†Alan Dunavent	

\$ = Second Collection \$ = Outreach † = In Memoriam * = Fellowship Sunday, coffee and doughnuts after Mass
 All weekday and Sunday Masses are streamed at Transfiguration: transfigurationcatholicchurch.org/streamspot.

OLF CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS | OCTOBER 5

St. Teresa, Covington | 7:30 PM

If Mass is to be canceled, a sign will be placed on the church door if possible and/or a post will be made on the "Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes-Ohio" Facebook page.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASSES WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

Sunday, 11/15, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (Cincinnati)

Saturday, 11/21, 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi (Centerville)

Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on November 15 (Cincinnati) or November 21 (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Please RSVP by November 2, 2026.



FR. ERIC BOWMAN'S RAMBLINGS

The "Real" St. Francis of Assisi

My first exposure to St. Francis, like many of us, was that he was patron of animals. When I was 27 and on my journey back to my faith, I watched the 1972 Italian movie, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon," which contained a scene of St. Francis and St. Clare as young people walking/skipping through a field of flowers, looking like hippies from the 1960s. This left a bad taste in my mouth regarding who St. Francis and St. Clare really were, so I didn't really do much reading or studying of them until a few years later in the seminary. I quickly learned that they were actually spiritual powerhouses. So, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, let's take a deeper look at the **real** St. Francis.

St. Francis was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy. Francis' parents were both wealthy individuals, his father was a wealthy cloth merchant who owned farmland all around Assisi, and his mother was a beautiful Frenchwoman. Throughout his youth, Francis lived a life away from the Church. He was very spoiled and often indulged himself with food, wine and grand celebrations. By the age of 14, Francis was known around Assisi as the boy who had dropped out of school to party and break city curfew. One day, Francis was riding on a horse in the local countryside and encountered a leper. Francis had a different reaction than most – he got off his horse kissed the leper, showing him love! Later on, Francis would reflect on this interaction, and called the leper Jesus incognito. From that moment forward, Francis' life was changed. He began devoting all this time towards Christ, leaving his past riches well in the past. Francis would spend almost all his time going to remote mountain hideaways and old shores in Assisi praying for God, looking for answers in his life. He also spent his free time assisting and nursing lepers and caring for the sick. One day during his prayer, he was praying before an old Byzantine crucifix and Francis heard the voice of Christ, telling him to rebuild the Christian Church and take a vow of extreme poverty for Him. Francis listened immediately and began preaching all of Assisi the Good News of Christ. Eventually, 12 others followed him (notice the parallel to the 12 apostles of Christ).

Francis knew that he needed to raise money in order to physically rebuild Christ's Church. In order to do so, Francis did something risky – he sold a bolt of cloth from his father's shop and sold his horse. When his father found out Francis had sold his stuff to build a church, he was so mad he took Francis to the Bishop to have him punished. The bishop told Francis that he needed to give his father the money back and Francis had an extraordinary reaction. Francis stripped off all the clothes he wore and returned all his father's money. Then he proclaimed loudly that he only had one father – God. Francis' embrace of Christ-like poverty was a radical notion at the time. The Christian Church was tremendously rich, much like the people heading it, which concerned Francis and many others who felt that the long-held apostolic ideals had eroded.

Francis set out on a mission to restore Jesus Christ's own, original values to the now-decadent Church. With his incredible charisma, he drew thousands of followers to him. They listened to Francis' sermons and joined in his way of life; his followers became known as Franciscan friars. Continuously pushing himself in the quest for spiritual perfection, Francis was soon preaching in up to five villages per day, teaching a new kind of emotional and personal Christian religion that everyday people could understand. He even went so far as to preach to animals, which garnered criticism from some and earned him the nickname "God's fool." But Francis' message was spread far and wide, and thousands of people were captivated by what they heard. In 1224, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ – marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when He was crucified, through His hands and the gaping lance wound in His side. This made Francis the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. They would remain visible for the rest of his life.



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.

OLF MINISTRIES

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT FALL LINEUP

Rec Night Volleyball

Monday, 9/28 | 7-9PM

@St. Patrick Parish Center Gym
444 E. Water St., Troy

Halloween Bonfire

Monday, 10/26 | 7PM

Rain-or-Shine

@Church of the Transfiguration
S'mores Provided! Sharable snack optional
972 S. Miami St., West Milton

Friendsgiving

Tuesday, 11/17 | 6PM

@Spiritual Center
RSVP details to follow!



PHILIA
YOUNG ADULT
oct 24-27 | fellowship for ages 18-30

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

DIGGING DEEPER

"CONVERSION STORIES"

THURSDAY, 10/8 | 6:30-7:45 PM

St. Patrick Undercroft (Basement)
409 E. Main St., Troy - Crawford Street Door

Join Host, Fr. Eric Bowman & Special Guests:
Bill & Mary Wolke | Dustin & Amanda Fisher

DIGGING DEEPER IS A NEW SERIES UNEARTHING
THOUGHT-PROVOKING DISCUSSIONS BASED ON
OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S PILLARS OF
SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS, PRAYER & COMMUNITY.



OCIA Elective Credit

MUSIC & LITURGY

ADULT CHOIRS



Join choir - give it a try!
REHEARSALS

TROY

Wednesdays
7:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Patrick Church
front door until ramp opens

First Rehearsal
10/21/2026

First Performance:
11/22, 9:30 AM Mass

PIQUA

Thursdays
6:45 - 8:00 PM

St. Mary Church
use the ramp door

First Rehearsal
10/22/2026

First Performance:
11/21, 3:30 PM SB Mass

Express interest by emailing SeungKeun and attending the first rehearsal.

Piqua will perform at alternating churches and will rehearse at St. Mary.

Must be able to climb a staircase to the choir loft.
seungkeun@fatima-family.org



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Students grades 3-8 are
encouraged to participate in this
exciting music-making opportunity!

FIRST REHEARSALS



PIQUA

St. Mary
Wednesdays
3:30-4:45 PM

First Rehearsal: 10/28 @ St. Mary
First Mass: 11/28 | 5PM @ St. Mary
*Performances alternate Piqua churches.

TROY

St. Patrick
Thursdays
3:30-4:45 PM

First Rehearsal: 10/29
First Mass: 11/29 | 9:30 AM

Sign-ups are first-come, first-served!
Register using the QR code. →

If you are a SafeParish volunteer/parent, your help of
attending a few practices is kindly being requested in
the registration form. Performance schedule and
med release form will be shared at first rehearsals.



SeungKeun Oh | seungkeun@fatima-family.org
OLF Assistant Director of Music & Liturgy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 so that Junior OCIA can
be offered. Those classes and meetings are offered in
Troy and Piqua.

OLF MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY



OLF YOUTH MINISTRY HAS A STACKED PROGRAMMING LINE-UP COMING YOUR WAY FOR 26-27 FOR GRADES 7-12!

DISCIPLESHIP

Next Sunday, 10/11/26. **NEW!** Teens and parents spoke, and we listened! The priests, staff 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. **ENROLLMENT ENDS Monday, 10/5!**

Youth Ministry Meals!



Parents/Parishioners, would you like to help provide a meal for our young people? Sign up with the QR code! If a monetary gift is preferred, so that staff handles the food arrangements, that would graciously be accepted, too. Check payable to "Church of the Transfiguration," memo: OLF Youth Ministry.



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 DISCIPLESHIP Program, teens/parents can add this:

DISCIPLESHIP - @78decd3

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

OLF Confirmation - @39fkhh

7/8th Gr. CCD (Parents) - @74bgg6

YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday, 10/4/26, 6:30-8 PM

Transfig Youth Building. Bring a friend!

TAKE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY DEEPER!
Reserve a FREE spot for your teen by October 5!
Just for grades 7-12!

REGISTER FOR 26-27 "DISCIPLESHIP!"
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!

DISCIPLESHIP

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

YOUTHMINISTRY@FATIMA-FAMILY.ORG

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.



BOX OF JOY RETURNS!

In sharing our Catholic love in action, OLF will be participating in Box of Joy to send as many as 300 boxes to children in need across the world in time for Christmas!

Please begin to pray for the children who will receive your outpouring of love and generosity and for the priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders who will distribute the Boxes of Joy to them.

Boxes and simple instructions on how you get to share your love with a child will be available on Sunday, October 11, 18 and 25 at ALL OUR LADY OF FATIMA churches. They will be due no later than November 6, so that children can receive them at Christmas.

Each child who receives a Box of Joy will also receive a rosary and a booklet in their own language, "The Story of Jesus," with the message of eternal hope found in Christ. This only furthers the evangelization of the Catholic Church around the globe.

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

HOLY LEAGUE
Supernatural Strength & Unity
A parish-based alliance of men, striving for supernatural strength and brotherhood.

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

Who: Men of Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes
What: Eucharistic Adoration & Men's Fellowship
When: 3rd Saturdays | 7:00 AM | **OCTOBER 17**
Where: Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal
3505 Calumet Rd. | Ludlow Falls, OH 45339
Why: To bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
—Proverbs 27:17

CONTACT WADE DEXTER WITH QUESTIONS 937-875-7132 | 6DEXTERS@GMAIL.COM

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
— Matthew 18:20

**FALL INTO WINTER
FAMILY ROSARY**

What to Expect:

- Family Rosary
- Potluck
- Bring 1-2 sides to share
- Meat, water, table service provided.
- All are welcome, bring friends!

Rosary starts @4:30pm potluck after.
2nd Sunday of the Month
Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. Skip, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14
Transfiguration Church Parish Hall
972 South Miami St. West Milton, OH

More info contact Anne Case 937-216-3328 Thecases618@gmail.com

SAVE *the* DATE —
THE
**BLACK
&
WHITE**
AFFAIR

CELEBRATING THE
SOUP KITCHEN'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 21,
2026

5:30 PM

ST. PATRICK
444 E. WATER ST.
TROY, OH 45373

An elegant evening benefiting the
ST. PATRICK SOUP KITCHEN
— and —
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ALUMNI & FRIENDS FUND

FORMAL ATTIRE • BLACK & WHITE THEME
INVITATION AND TICKET INFORMATION
COMING SOON.

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND
OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY OF PARISHES CCD
PRESENT:

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**
OCT 18

2:00-3:30PM
420 E. WATER ST
PARKING LOT
HOT DOGS
GAMES
VOTE FOR THE
BEST TRUNK

CARS MAY
ARRIVE AT
1:15PM TO
SET UP

DRESS UP
AS YOUR
FAVORITE
CHARACTER

Art & Craft Night
Project: Fall Fabric Wreath

Transfiguration Church
October 15 | 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Please bring a styrofoam wreath
(approx. 12 inches) and scissors.
Material will be provided!
RSVP: Jeanie@fatima-family.org
By Tuesday, October 13.

**FALL HARVEST
CRAFT & BAKE SALE**
Brought to you by The Altar Rosary Society
At Transfiguration Church
Sunday, October 18 after both Masses

DISCOVER REFLECTIONS OF ITALY October 26-November 4, 2027

Join us for a Presentation by Collette on October 13, 6:00 p.m.
in St. Patrick Catholic Church undercroft!
More info: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1430314>
Flyers available in bookrack at the entrance of St. Patrick.
Pat Smith: rsmith3055@aol.com

**Family Rides | Raffles & Silent Auction
Games of Chance | Beer | Food | LIVE MUSIC!**
Become a Featured Sponsor of this Major Community Event!
OKTOBERFESTSB@GMAIL.COM

St. Boniface October 16 & 17, 2026
Friday, 5-10 PM | Saturday, 12-10 PM
Lock 9 | 123 N. Main St., Piqua, Ohio

LOCKtoberfest
FIRST ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP WITH CROOKED HANDLE

TRADITIONAL CABBAGE ROLL DINNER: OCTOBER 9 | 5-8 PM | 218 S. DOWNING ST.

**Featuring Live Music 5:30-9:30 PM
BOTH NIGHTS on the Lock 9 Stage
by the infamous
KLABERHEADS!**

Klaberheads
Est. 1930

Get your LOCKtoberfest Raffle Tickets NOW!

310 S. Downing Street, Piqua

Place your tickets and money in an envelope in the
collection basket or return to the office.

Tickets 6 for \$5. Early Bird Drawing* 10/9/26

Big event weekend: October 17: 1st Prize: \$1,000,

2nd Prize: \$500, 3rd-5th Prizes: \$100.

*Need not be present to win!

**Congrats to the first Early Bird Raffle Winner,
Catherine Krampe! You won \$50!**

OLF CURRENT EVENTS

St. Mary Altar Society

Save-the-Dates

October 12 | November 9 | December 14

12:00 p.m. luncheons/business meetings at the Lighthouse
at the Lock, Piqua

Please mark your calendar and join us!

THE 45TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK OCTOBER LUNCHEON

On behalf of the committee, thanks for all the participation and ticket purchasing for the 45th Annual St. Patrick October Luncheon! We are looking forward to sharing the prize winners and recap of the lunches with you.

SCHOOLS

St. Patrick's youngest students in our preschool and Pre-K classes have had a great start to the school year! Their first weeks have been busy learning how to be a good friend, learning about their classmates and teachers, and exploring all there is to see, play and create in our classrooms and outside on our preschool playground. This year we have one T/TH preschool class, one M/W/F preschool class, and two Pre-K classes. Our Pre-K and M/W/F classes had the opportunity to visit the Troy bookmobile and check out books, and all the preschool and Pre-K classes are looking forward to going to Fulton Farms for their first field trip soon!



MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST POSITION AT PIQUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

University of Dayton's ECHO program is seeking a full-time mental health therapist to serve students at Piqua Catholic School. This is a 10-month, benefit-eligible position, August 1-May 31. The therapist will provide individual, group, family and crisis counseling; teach social-emotional learning lessons; and, collaborate with school staff to support students' emotional well-being and success. Applicants must hold a Master's Degree in counseling or social work and be licensed in Ohio as an LPC, LPCC, LSW, or LISW. Learn more or apply, visit the University of Dayton job posting.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Piqua Catholic School Board. Please submit your interest to the email provided. Someone will contact you. Thank you for your consideration to serve and support the school and its students!
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ST. BONIFACE

Saturday, October 10 – 3:30 p.m.

Altar Servers	M. Osbourne, M. Perry, Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers	Volunteer, J. Herbe, K. Roth, J. Ventura, L. Ventura
Lectors	R. Webb, T. Sharp
Sacristan	L. Ventura
Ushers/Greeters	C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp

Sunday, October 11 – 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	H. Karn, I. Karn, L. Knapke
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Earhart, C. Garman, Sister Mary Alice, Volunteer
Lectors	O. Hudge, T. Burnside
Sacristan	D. Johnson
Ushers/Greeters	B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, J. Knapke, M. Cool

ST. MARY

Saturday, October 10 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	K. Dunbar, B. Johns, K. Johns
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Karn, M. Karn, V. Karn, B. Kiefer
Lectors	B. Hewitt, A. Manson
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Sunday, October 11 – 9:15 a.m.

Altar Servers	S. Galbreath, W. Galbreath, E. Hess
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Lectors	G. Fulks, E. Merrifield
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ST. TERESA

Sunday, October 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Server	P. Swabb
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Lector	J. Swabb
Ushers	C. Wehner, Volunteer

ST. PATRICK

Saturday, October 10 – 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers	T. Custer, W. Custer
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Lector	S. Knight
Sacristan	S. Carlin

Sunday, October 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	D. Russel, L. Subler
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Lector	K. Kremer
Sacristan	M. Subler

Sunday, October 11 – 9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	A. Cianciolo, A. Cianciolo, O. Poeppelman
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Behm, P. Smith, A. Thomas, T. Canavan, P. Cartwright
Lector	T. Cianciolo
Sacristan	G. Ramsey

Sunday, October 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers	B. Baumann, M. Cathcart
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Lector	G. Rinehart
Sacristan	E. Sheridan

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Sunday, October 11 – 7:30 a.m.

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Lector	K. Jacobs
Sacristan	R. Gallegos
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Sunday, October 11 – 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers	W. Case, Volunteers
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The class offers an opportunity to explore the rich traditions, beliefs, history, and practices of Judaism in an open and welcoming setting. Come with questions and an open mind to learn more about your Jewish neighbors! The class will address common questions about Jewish faith and life, including Shabbat, holidays, prayer, Torah, Jewish customs, and how Judaism is practiced in the modern world. Whether you are curious about Judaism, have Jewish roots you would like to explore, or simply want to learn more about a faith that has shaped history and continues to evolve today, this class welcomes participants of all backgrounds and levels of knowledge.

This class is being taught by member and prayer leader Jese Shell. A Sabbath/Shabbat service will take place after the class concludes, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The congregation was formed in 1858 and continues to operate in the building constructed in 1922. Registration is needed at ansheemeth@gmail.com for in-person attendance or the Zoom link. Contact that email for the physical address.

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and it is wonderful
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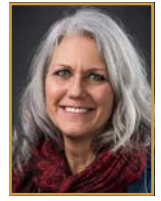
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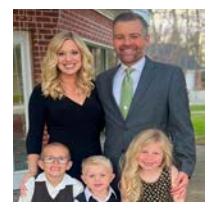
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