



# Our Lady of Fatima

FAMILY OF PARISHES

OCTOBER

11  
2026

28TH 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.



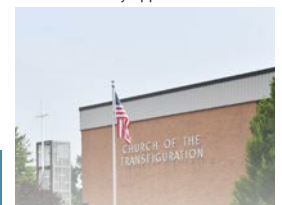
**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (SM)**  
528 Broadway St. Piqua 45356  
937-773-1327 | piquaparisches.org  
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SP)**  
409 E. Main St. Troy 45373  
937-335-2833 | stpatricktroy.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

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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!**



**Synod 2027**

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

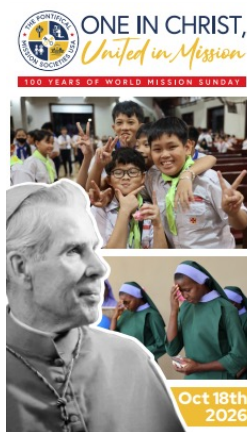
## Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

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.

### ARE YOU RECEIVING THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH?

Every registered household in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati should receive *The Catholic Telegraph* Magazine each month at no personal cost to the reader. The CT is the official magazine of the Archdiocese. If you are not receiving your copy, contact [ctsubscribe@catholicaoc.org](mailto:ctsubscribe@catholicaoc.org) or call 513-263-5164. You can also visit [thecatholictelegraph.com](http://thecatholictelegraph.com).



### 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)

Several of Our Lady of Fatima's churches have volunteers who bless our parishioners with greeting cards on occasion as a reminder of their parish community who cares for them when they are in a nursing home or who have become homebound. If you are a family member of a loved one who is no longer able to attend Mass for those reasons, please contact the parish office with their current information.

*God bless our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us physically to celebrate Mass. Our prayers are with you!*



### 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).

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

|                                      |                                                |                                              |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m.<br>12:10 p.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration<br>St. Boniface | †Tom Heckman<br>Seth Bradley<br>†Joan Wright | <i>Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1</i><br><i>Lk 11:29-32</i> |
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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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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 | Special Intention for Alex Meyer<br>†Fr. Oscar Seger<br>Will Kishman | <i>Gal 5:1-6</i><br><i>Lk 11:37-41</i> |
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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:45 a.m.<br>8:15 a.m. | St. Patrick<br>Transfiguration | Oliver Lane<br>† <b>Purgatorian Mass:</b> Theresa Lawson, Ofelia Chica,<br>Richard Platfoot | <i>St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i><br><i>Gal 5:18-25</i><br><i>Lk 11:42-46</i> |
| 8:30 a.m.              | St. Mary                       | †Shawn Saunders                                                                             |                                                                                     |

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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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 | †Bob Menker<br>Children, Especially Those in Foster Care<br>†William & Theresa Mikolajewski | <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i><br><i>Eph 1:1-10</i><br><i>Lk 11:47-54</i> |
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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

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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 | †Mary & Ed Schroeder<br>Micah & Jessica Newburg & Family<br>†Melissa McElDowney | <i>St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i><br><i>Eph 1:11-14</i><br><i>Lk 12:1-7</i> |
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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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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 \$ | †Cindy Cole<br>†Michelle Peltier Theado<br>Jim Miller<br>†Margaret Coby | <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i><br><i>Eph 1:15-23</i><br><i>Lk 12:8-12</i> |
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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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| 7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.<br>7:30 a.m.                              | St. Patrick \$<br>Transfiguration \$<br>St. Teresa \$                                    | †Pauline Moretti<br>Sandy Zerkel<br>† <b>Purgatorian Mass:</b> Sean Brading, Alvina Peltier,<br>Jenifer Heydinger Galante                 | <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br><i>Is 45:1, 4-6</i><br><i>1 Thes 1:1-5b</i><br><i>Mt 22:15-21</i> |
| 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. Mary \$<br>St. Patrick \$<br>Transfiguration \$<br>St. Boniface \$<br>St. Patrick \$ | †Bernice Lewis<br>†Craig Colby<br>Living & Deceased of the Gudorf & Etter Families<br><b>Living &amp; Deceased of OLF</b><br>Jenna Dexter |                                                                                                                  |

\$ = Second Collection = World Mission Sunday † = 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).

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

Peace be with you. Both personally and professionally, I have come to understand that the fall can be one of the busiest and most stressful times of the year. The days grow colder and darker. Holidays or anniversaries may bring the pain of missing loved ones. We are also constantly adjusting to school schedules and breaks, work parties, and family events. As we anticipate this stress, stress that we all experience, I invite us to think about what causes the stress, as well as how we respond to it. So, I ask, what causes me stress and what does that stress feel like? Do I feel out of control, sad, or angry? When I feel this way, how do I respond? Do I push harder in an attempt to neutralize a perceived threat? Do I shut down and withdraw to avoid making things worse? Most importantly, does my response help? Does it ease the pain, or does it make things worse? If your current response can make things worse, consider what you might do differently. How might you lean into one of St. Thomas Aquinas' recommendations, such as contemplating truth or being open and honest with a supportive friend? Perhaps you could pause, take a breath, and slow down to allow the stress to ease a little. I pray this fall and winter may go a little better for all of us. I believe it will, together. Come and see.

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## VICAR'S VOICE

“FARTHER UP & FURTHER IN” | BY *Fr. Jacob Schmiesing*

*The Last Battle*, the final book of C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* is arguably my favorite. True, the entire series is excellent, but there is something about how it closes that strikes a chord with me. *The Last Battle* is the culmination of everything the previous six books have been building towards. It is a reunion of characters, countries and themes in a truly grand finale. Along with *The Magician's Nephew* and, perhaps most famously, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, it has clear Biblical influences. Appropriately for this season when the Church's liturgy and readings deal with many of the same issues, it overtly treats questions of eschatology, or what happens at the end of life and of the world. I raise this because some interesting parallels can be drawn between the final chapter of *The Last Battle* and this weekend's first reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah writes that God will provide a sumptuous feast, that He will destroy death, and wipe away tears for all peoples. This is one of many prophecies about Paradise that God will establish when the Messiah comes. One repeated, interesting detail is that this Paradise will be “on this mountain.” What is it about “this mountain” that makes it so special? From a Jewish perspective, the mountain obviously refers to Mount Zion upon which Jerusalem was built and which features in prophecies throughout the Old Testament as a sacred place where all the people of the world will gather to worship in God's perfect kingdom.

In *The Last Battle*, Lewis adopts very similar imagery. In the final chapter, the heroes have been granted supernatural ability to run without tiring and even swim up waterfalls, and arrive at a gated city at the top of a steep hill. The gate is opened by their old friend Reepicheep, who leads them up an even greater mountain with all the good characters from their past adventures.

In the midst of these reunions, it is revealed that this mountain is Heaven, and that “the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them.” In his closing lines, Lewis conveys a real sense that it is just the beginning of a joyful party that will go on for eternity: “All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and title page: now they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story...” In these scenes, Lewis balances our human need for images and symbols to have even the remotest grasp of Heaven with the Biblical truth that “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Cor 2:9) Isaiah's prophecy about the feast “on this mountain” and Lewis' description of the eternal festive reunion at the end of *The Last Battle* are two presentations of what Heaven will be, but of course, both fall short of the true glory and joy we hope for.

## OLF MINISTRIES

### MUSIC & LITURGY



#### 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

#### 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

## 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**  
with 222 of 1 Fellowship for 2021-2022

### YOUTH MINISTRY



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

#### YOUTH GROUP

Next Sunday, 10/18/26, 6:30-8 PM Transfig Youth Building. Bring a friend!

#### DISCIPLESHIP

This Sunday, 10/11/26. **NEW for Pre-Registered Teens:** 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.

**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.



#### BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE REMIND APP TO STAY INFORMED!

##### Youth Ministry PARENTS

Remind App Code = @ba389ek

##### Youth Ministry TEENS

Remind AppCode = @79adck6

##### DISCIPLESHIP Enrolled Families

Remind App Code = @78decd3

##### 7th and 8th Grade CCD Parents

Remind App Code = @74bagg6



### CATHOLIC LOVE IN ACTION



## BOX OF JOY RETURNS!

In sharing our Catholic love in action, Our Lady of Fatima 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! OLF parishioners, please share in spreading the love:

1. Select a box from the entrance of church. **Select handouts with information.**
2. Pack your Box of Joy with gifts, toys, clothing, school supplies or other fun and practical items!
1. Participants are kindly asked to donate \$9 of shipping at [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) to help get the gift to its location. **If needed, you can mail a check to Box of Joy instead.**

Boxes and simple instructions on how to share this love with a child in need will be available on Sunday, October 11, 18 and 25 at ALL OUR LADY OF FATIMA churches. **Boxes of Joy are due to your church vestibule or office no later than November 6, so children can receive them by Christmas.**

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

Please 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 Box of Joy gifts to these children.



## OLF CURRENT EVENTS



What a joy to celebrate 75 years of St. Teresa together on Saturday, 10/3! Mass was celebrated by pastor Fr. Eric Bowman and concelebrated by Fr. Jim Duell in honor of our parish patron, St. Therese. Jean Cordonnier and the choir provided beautiful music, and more than 80 parishioners joined. The lovely meal and cocktail hour kept bellies and hearts full of great food and fellowship. Special thank-you to St. Teresa's funeral luncheon committee members, parishioner food providers, all current and past clergy, attendees, Knights of Columbus Covington, and especially the committee and staff who made this celebration possible! The limited edition commemorative ornament is available now for \$20 by contacting wendy@fatima-family.org! And NEW, beautiful hand made quilts are on display for Silent Auction for you to outbid the previous bidder before the Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 14 when winning bidders will be announced!



**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**  
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.

**MOM**

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

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

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

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

Please register for a "trunk" to hand out candy so that the kiddos can have more fun stops during their trunk-or-treat adventures! It's a fun afternoon!

**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.

"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

## OLF CURRENT EVENTS

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

#### WEEK 1 PRIZE WINNERS

Thomas Shanesy - \$25  
Julie Anderson - \$100  
Patricia Smith - \$325  
Thomas Kleptz - \$1,000

#### BOTTLE OF WINE

Shirley Carlin, Karen Devilbiss, Allan Ganley, Julie Harris, Kevin Hess, Louise Holter, Karen Leffel, Douglas Lins, Janice Miller, Donna Naseman, Victoria Ocampo, Karen Osting, Patricia Smith, Sharon Stewart, Jenna Subler, Ryan Subler, D. Scott Timms, Diane Wolfe

#### CENTERPIECE

Gareth Johnston, Douglas Lins, Janice Miller, Bruce Muir, Jan Neitzke, Judith Overholser, Bonita Redden, Gina Schweiterman, Michelle Subler, Lynn Traughber, Douglas Tremblay



# st. Boniface LOCKtoberfest

OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2026 | LOCK 9, 123 N. MAIN ST. | PIQUA, OHIO

TRADITIONAL CABBAGE ROLL DINNER: OCTOBER 9 | 218 S. DOWNING ST.



FIRST ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP WITH CROOKED HANDLE



**Congrats to the second LOCKtoberfest Early Bird Raffle Winner  
JoAnn Hess! You won \$50!**

**Please help represent our Catholic family and SIGN UP TO WORK AN  
EASY SHIFT during this community event! Together, we can make this  
event to support St. Boniface successful.**



**Get your LOCKtoberfest Raffle Tickets NOW!**

**310 S. Downing St., Piqua**

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

**Tickets 6 for \$5.**

**Big event weekend: October 17: 1st Prize: \$1,000, 2nd Prize: \$500, 3rd-5th Prizes: \$100.**

*\*Need not be present to win!*

## 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!

## 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](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com)

## SCHOOLS

School Giving - Tax Credit runs annually last week of Oct.

### SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### You May Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return. **Up to \$750 per donor** (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.



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### NEWLY BAPTIZED *Congratulations to:*

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### RECENTLY DECEASED *Please pray for the repose of the soul of:*

John Wannemacher (SP)

### NEW PARISHIONERS *Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Family of Parishes!*

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Jacob Rindler

Alyse Holter

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Bob & Rose Penny, Julie Allen,

JoAnn Hess, Michael Yannucci,

Michelle Gallagher

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### ST. BONIFACE

#### Saturday, October 17 – 3:30 p.m.

|                         |                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | G. Peterson, M. Peterson, D. Johnston     |
| Extraordinary Ministers | K. Warner, R. Webb, Volunteers            |
| Lectors                 | J. Herbe, C. Herbe                        |
| Sacristan               | R. Webb                                   |
| Ushers/Greeters         | C. Peltier, P. Penny, P. Wendel, T. Sharp |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 11:00 a.m.

|                         |                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | H. Kreitzer, S. Monnier, K. O'Leary             |
| Extraordinary Ministers | D. Johnson, G. Johnson, B. Peltier, C. Peltier  |
| Lectors                 | K. Zimmerman, M. McDonald                       |
| Sacristan               | M. McDonald                                     |
| Ushers/Greeters         | B. Decknadel, J. Josefovsky, J. Knapke, M. Cool |

### ST. MARY

#### Saturday, October 17 – 5:00 p.m.

|                         |                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | B. Johns, K. Johns, M. Kemmer                 |
| Extraordinary Ministers | A. Koehl, B. Kohl, A. Manson, J. Mikolajewski |
| Lectors                 | Sister Ginny, K. Wendeln                      |
| Sacristan               | A. Epperly                                    |
| Ushers/Greeters         | R. Ventura, P. Larger, J. Hemmert, Volunteer  |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 9:15 a.m.

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | C. Jacob, F. O'Leary, G. O'Leary                       |
| Extraordinary Ministers | M. Giesseman, Sister Mary Alice, B. Karpinski, M. Koon |
| Lectors                 | R. O'Leary, J. Terry                                   |
| Sacristan               | D. Cecil                                               |
| Ushers/Greeters         | J. Bertke, D. Francony, G. Peltier, J. Peltier         |

### ST. TERESA

#### Sunday, October 18 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Altar Server            | Volunteer            |
| Extraordinary Ministers | J. Walter, Volunteer |
| Lector                  | K. Bartley           |
| Ushers                  | A. Otte, J. Walter   |

### ST. PATRICK

#### Saturday, October 17 – 5:00 p.m.

|                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | T. Behm, W. Behm                  |
| Extraordinary Ministers | MB Rindler, Dcn. John, K. Shanesy |
| Lector                  | K. Lins                           |
| Sacristan               | S. Carlin, K. Shanesy             |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | J. Andrejcio, J. Bockey         |
| Extraordinary Ministers | C. Bockey, M. Subler, Volunteer |
| Lector                  | A. Andrejcio                    |
| Sacristan               | A. Dexter                       |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 9:30 a.m.

|                         |                                                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | L. Gudorf, O. Gudorf, A. Hess                           |
| Extraordinary Ministers | P. Cartwright, P. Smith, H. Spaide, S. Behm, T. Canavan |
| Lector                  | J. Gudorf                                               |
| Sacristan               | S. Gudorf                                               |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 11:30 a.m.

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | K. Iames, E. Kinsella          |
| Extraordinary Ministers | B. Purpus, J. Iames, Volunteer |
| Lector                  | G. Rinehart                    |
| Sacristan               | J. Iames                       |

### CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

#### Sunday, October 18 – 7:30 a.m.

|                         |                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | M. Desch, Volunteers                      |
| Extraordinary Ministers | R. Dzendzel, J. Mergler, Volunteers       |
| Lector                  | T. Sollenberger                           |
| Sacristan               | R. Dzendzel                               |
| Ushers                  | A. Brown, D. Brown, N. Craport, Volunteer |

#### Sunday, October 18 – 10:00 a.m.

|                         |                                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Altar Servers           | O. Sanders, D. Harrison, F. Harrison       |
| Extraordinary Ministers | L. McCartan, M. Schubert, C. Crabtree      |
| Lectors                 | C. Serey, D. Albright                      |
| Sacristan               | R. Dzendzel                                |
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Communion

  
Lamb of God

  
Our Father

  
Dear Anna

  
Memory of God

  
Consecration

  
Holy Host

  
Offering

  
Prayer

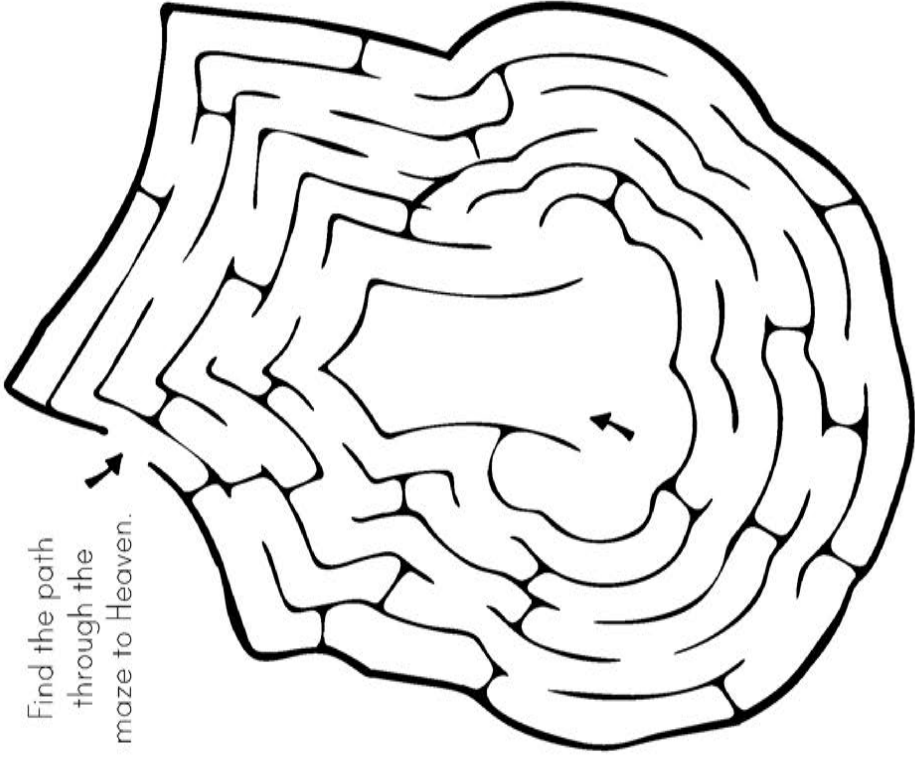
  
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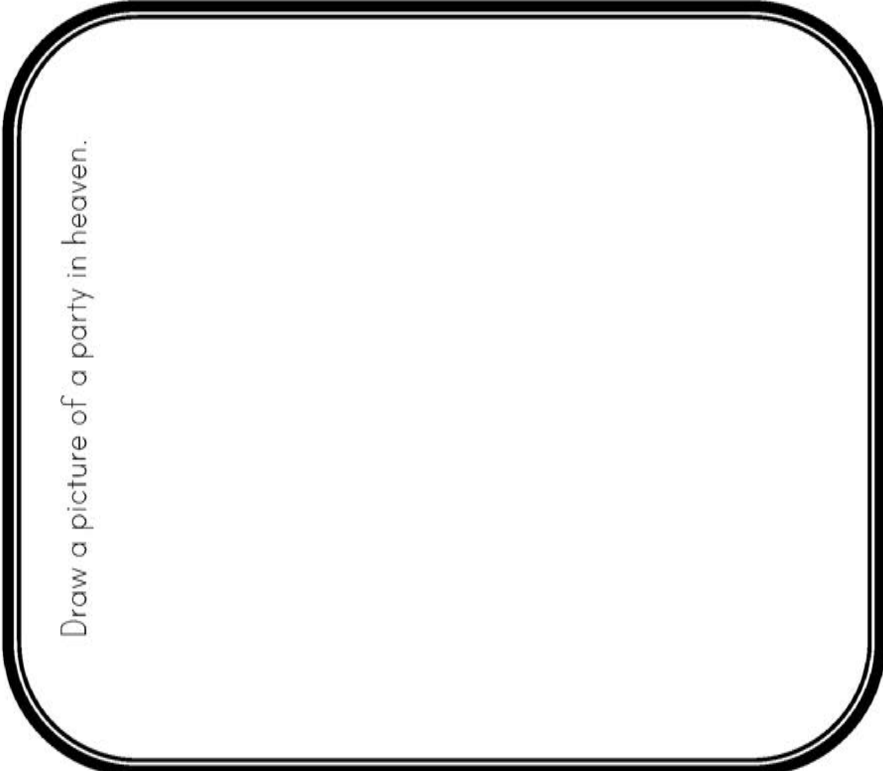
  
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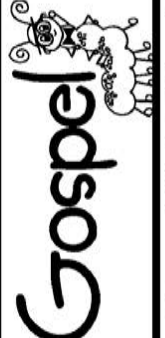
  
Proclamation

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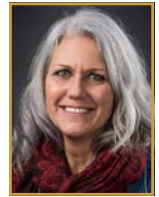
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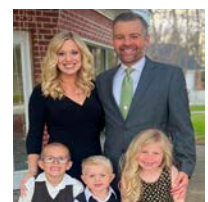
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