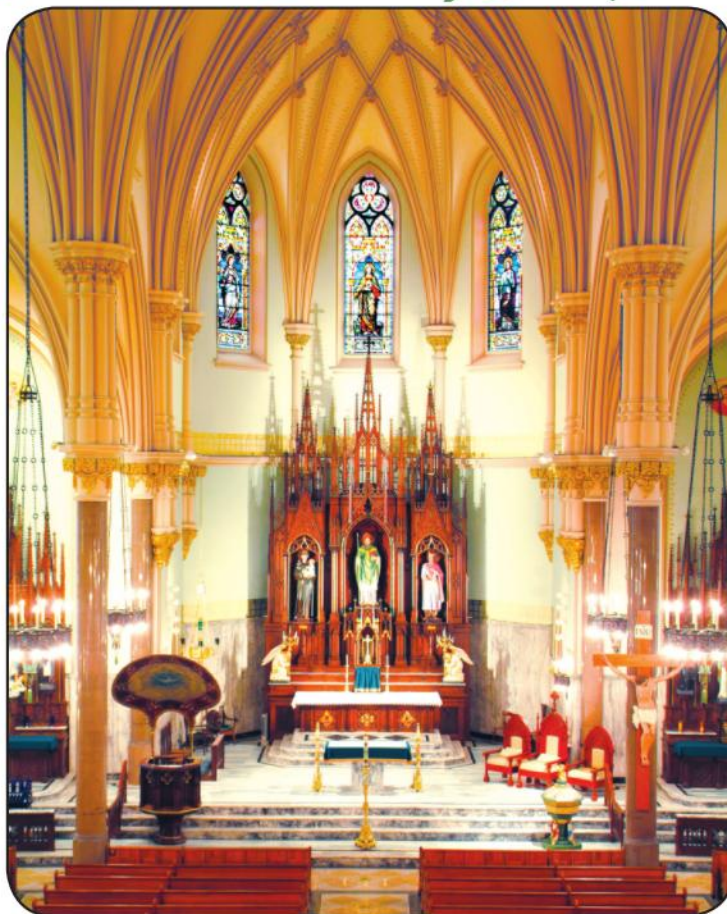


Love Advent

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Saturday 4:00 pm @ IC
Sunday 8:00 am @ HSP
Sunday 10:00 am @ HSP (Live Streamed)
Sunday 11:00 am @ IC
Tuesday 9:00 am @ IC
Wednesday 5:30 pm @ HSP (Live Streamed)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Dear People of God,

I mentioned last week in my letter that Advent is a time for meditation and, as might be expected, a question was raised by that reference. *As a kid, I learned all my prayers by heart, so how do I get out of that method and into just thinking?* As an aside, did you ever notice how politicians will answer a question by saying *"That's a good question?"* It means they don't have an immediate answer so have to delay while they think of one. It's a fairly ordinary human trait because we generally have in mind what we want to say despite asking for questions which may well throw us off our pre-planned statement. Praying is something like that. The very invitation to pray sets off a standard mental reaction which funnels up to the consciousness all the prayers we know by heart.

Understanding that human reality, the Church early on came up with several ways to close off the channels from memory to consciousness and let people do some serious meditation. One of the first was the chanted psalms with their plaintive, sonorous tones which seem to put us to sleep but which simply means our mind is quieting itself and going into the spiritual realm opened by the texts we're chanting.

These chant tones are repetitious and that's for a reason: the repetition quiets the mind, allowing it to wander away from memorized words to the spiritual conversation we can be having with God.

So, suggestion one for increasing your ability to meditate: head to Regers or some other good Catholic goods store for those of you reading this in Florida or elsewhere and pick up some polyphonic (that means no music) chants and just sit back and let things happen. I can tell you that Rap, despite its repetitious qualities, won't do the same thing.

Suggestion number two is to take out that well-worn (I hope) rosary and do it the right way. For most of us, the rosary has become a mental prayer: we hold the Lukan texts in our mind so know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be but never get to the meditation. Instead of mentally reciting the prayers for the various beads, say the words slowly and aloud, over and over until they no longer mean anything mentally but do provide the white noise that opens your mind to hearing God speaking to you. If you're an aficionado of Mother Angelica, you already know that the rosary is supposed to be recited slowly and quietly. Try closing your eyes while she or one of the other sisters is saying the rosary and let yourself drift off into meditation. And don't be too concerned if you fall asleep. Remember the readings we're preparing for: Joseph's dreams allowed him to hear God talking.

Msgr Chris



The Celebration of Sacraments

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated on Sunday during or after the Eucharistic Liturgy. Registered parishioners are asked to arrange for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call Deacon Tom at the rectory.

Penance: The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at IC, 9:30 a.m. at HSP and 10:30 a.m. IC every Sunday or by appointment.

Matrimony: Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: When a parishioner is admitted to the hospital, nursing home, or confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office. Parishioners are ready to visit and to bring Holy Communion. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick.

In the event that you are in need of a priest or deacon and there is no one in the office: Please try the emergency number at 419-243-6031 or call Deacon Tom on his cell phone at 419-984-0082 and leave a message with your phone number and he will return your call as soon as possible.

Welcome Visitors



We would like to welcome our visitors to Historic St. Patrick. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please call the parish office at 419-243-6452 or fill out the registration forms in the back of church or on the web-site and return to the parish office.

Historic St. Patrick

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CALENDAR

December 18, 2021—December 26, 2021



Sat 1:00 pm St. Patrick's Wedding/
Good & Oswald/Fr. Dandurand
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass/Fr. Rudi

Sun 8:00 am St. Patrick's Mass/for the
Vulnerable (no music)/Msgr. Chris/
Jeff Gralak
9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/
Fr. Reinhart/D. Dave
(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention Marty Williams
Donald D. King
Mary Ann Buckley
During Mass Children's Liturgy
During Mass Anointing
After Mass Religious Education Christmas Party

10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/
Msgr. Chris

Tues 9:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris

Wed 5:30 pm Mass @ St. Patrick's/Msgr. Chris
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention Parishioners of St. Patrick

Thurs Parish Offices Closed

Fri 6:00 pm Christmas Eve/Parish Offices Closed/
Historic Church of St. Patrick
11:30 pm HSP Children's Christmas/Fr. Rudi
12:00 am HSP Christmas Carols
HSP Midnight Mass/Msgr. Chris
Streamed on Parish Facebook Page

Immaculate Conception
IC Children's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris
IC Midnight Mass/Fr. Rudi

Sat 9:00 am Christmas Day
10:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass/Fr. Rudi
St. Patrick's Mass/Msgr. Chris
Streamed on Parish Facebook Page
Intention Jack, Rosemary & Jim McHugh
4:00 pm "CANCELLED" Immaculate Concept. Mass

Sun 8:00 am St. Patrick's Mass/for the
Vulnerable (no music)/Msgr. Chris/
Jeff Gralak
9:30 am St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/
Msgr. Chris/D. Dave
(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
Intention Ginter, Periat, & Shrader Families
Marty & Mary Helen William's Parents

10:30 am Immaculate Conception Confessions
11:00 am Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/
/Fr. Rudi

(Tear Line)

We continue to update/add to our parish e-mail list to help keep parishioners updated on parish events. Several of the e-mails we have are no longer valid. If you are not receiving parish e-mails and would like to, fill in the information below and put it in the offering basket or you can e-mail it to sherri@stpatshistoric.org.

Name _____ E-mail _____



WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 20 Philip Vrzal
Dec 20 Robin McLoughlin
Dec 20 Mark Gracely
Dec 20 Amanda Zuelke
Dec 20 Elizabeth Boisselle
Dec 21 Donald Andrysek Sr.
Dec 21 Connie Durand
Dec 21 Nancy McGee
Dec 21 Dyana Yardley-Davis
Dec 21 Jeffrey Gralak
Dec 21 Eileen Dowling
Dec 23 Deborah Bugaj
Dec 24 Joe McMahon
Dec 24 Mike Anderson
Dec 24 Matthew Meyers
Dec 24 McKenzie Michel
Dec 24 Cole Ragan
Dec 25 Charlene Leestma
Dec 25 Angela Kuhn



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 20 Nick & Natalie Morgan 7 yrs
Dec 22 Donald & Kathleen Hedrick 41 yrs
Dec 22 Matthew & Kristin Koester 21 yrs
Dec 23 Matthew & Tricia Cassidy 49 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP

Jimmie Bias, Kathy Jeffery, Pam Kreft, Terrie Moore, Pat Tansey, Rod McCarthy, Kelly Mitchell, Rose Mary Fleitz, Carol Erford, Sr. Janelle Brittain, John Best, Charlotte Best, Jim Jensen, Emily Miller, Helen Alice Jackson, Lee Ann Urbach, Brett Urbach, Deacon Dave Smith, Shelby, Nancy Miller-Semetko, James Mack III, Msgr. Chris, Betty Sherman, Cathy Price, Madonna Pauken, Ralph Smith, Tom & Teri Wagner, Tim Dotson, Bob & Betty Hutson, Andrew Weiser, Shauna & Grace, Jan Jackson, Colleen McGuire, Doug Leestma, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Noah Ashner, Josephine Gartee, Susan Cairl, James Mitchell, Scott Cousino, Steve Woods, Patty Cunningham, Barbara King, Sue Smith, Sara & Family, Josephine Gartee, Chris Hensien, John, Andrew Vallejo, Nicholas Clover, Melissa Meyers, Patricia Grondin, Anne Fahle, Jerome Williams, Wyatt Shepherd, Angela Myers, Liz Weizer, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, Michael Moran, Sam Marsico, Jessica Straube, Maurice "Moose" Boeding, Linda Panyuscsik, Judy Henry, Christopher Powell, Zachary Davidson/D. Dave's Grandson, Charles Swoboda, Estella Nino, Ellie Ziegler, Renee Robinson, Betty Frey, Laurie St. John, Steve Kwiatkowski, Kathy Eschenburg, Thelma Lanz, Marian Lowe, Steven Czerniak, Kristin Salazar, Mary Lou Batanian, Gary Lilje, Ken & Emily, Lindsay, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Matt Rohrs, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Lori (Borgerson) Zaro, Frank Ankney, Joann Degnan, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, Linda, Peggy, Beth, Carol Sheets, Lupe Garcia, Kitty Burns, Liam Stacey, Cheryl Harwick, Angela Lemble, Madison Sims, David Hufford, Richard Helsenbeck, Jace Stockwell, Joan Wiley, Chuck Hall, Christine Ludlum, Molly Bergin, Laurie Yeager

Please inform the pastoral staff of those in our parish family needing our prayers. Our Hospital Ministry Team is available to visit and distribute communion.

Please pray for the men and women in military service.

Due to a potential threat to families of those in military service resulting from the members' names being publicized through the Internet, we no longer publish the names of men and women in military service. We encourage you to continue to pray for them and to remember all our troops in a special way on Fridays by praying a Rosary for those serving in the military.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT—HSP

December 12, 2021

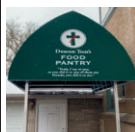
There will not be a Finance Report this week due to holiday printing schedule. Sorry for the inconvenience.

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,576.92	\$ 128,269.16
Actual	\$	\$ 115,436.16
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$	\$ 6,775.00
Over/(Under)	\$	(\$ 6,058.00)

Thank You!

OUTREACH FAMILIES—HSP

July 1, 2021—
June 30, 2022



Food Pantry—We continue to serve those in need in the community!

Soup Kitchen—Number of Plates Served—Continuing to serve meals to the community!

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ N/A	\$ 3,428.00

Thank You!



HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 19 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #889

Acolytes:	Gary Johnson, Logan Hickey, Mary Kay Belcher
Communion:	Carol Clark, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Pat Cunningham, Pat Lora, Paul Brady, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Frank Semetko, Nancy Semetko, Ken Harrington, Carolyn Harrington
Greeters:	Doug Bohl, Ginny Minor, Karen Bates, Kathy Bohl
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Connie Durand, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka
Readers:	Marie Arter, Bill Clark
Ushers:	Dave Meegan, Cookie Westmeyer, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Paul Brady, Rick Lauer, Tim McHugh
Children's Liturgy:	Jennifer Czyzewski

DECEMBER 26 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #894

Acolytes:	Brendan Mohnney, Chris Bates, Moira Mohnney
Communion:	Carol Clark, Carol Shrader, Chris Bates, Colleen McGuire, Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Pat Hickey, Renee Hickey
Gifts:	Amy Coronado, Char Lauer, Ellen Melroy, Rick Lauer
Greeters:	Ann Figmaka, Lisa Kelley, Jeff Figmaka, Michelle Zuelke
Hospitality:	NO HOSPITALITY
Readers:	Amy Coronado, Frank Semetko
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Canary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	See you next week!



LITURGICAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S MASS



Please see the Advent Worship Aid

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	19	Available
Dec	26	Mary G. Bruening
Jan	2	Available
Jan	9	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	19	James Gross
Dec	26	The McMahon & Gross Family
Jan	2	Available
Jan	9	Available



St. Patrick's Food Pantry

We could use:

JUICE, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAP, CEREAL, AND CANNED FRUIT

Canned Meals, Tuna, Noodles, Mac and Cheese, Cream Soups, Ramen Noodles, Peanut Butter. Food may be dropped off at anytime. Thank you!



The HSP Soup Kitchen



Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Happenings at the Parish!



Envelopes can be found in the back of church.

Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices

"Closed"

Thursday, December 23
thru
Sunday, January 2

We will see you
Monday, January 3!



**Merry Christmas and
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returning home from
Lakes of Sylvania for
Christmas. If you
would like to send him
a card his address is:

3230 Centennial Road, Lot 111,
Sylvania, OH 43560.

He ask for our prayers as he will
be having surgery after the first of
the year.

Christmas Flower Envelopes



Flower envelopes
are located in the
back of church on
a table and will be
used for decorat-
ing the church dur-
ing the Christmas
season.

Christmas Mass Schedule and "Sign up sheets for ministers"

Please sign up in the back of
church if you are able to
minister at a Christmas Mass.



Dec. 24, 6:00 pm Children's Mass
Dec. 24, 11:30 pm Christmas Carols
followed by 12:00 midnight Mass
Dec. 25, 10:00 am
Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 31, 5:30 pm
New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a *Level 3* *Snow Emergency*

during which all roadways are closed
to non-emergency personnel, the
Catholic Churches within that geo-
graphic region will cancel the sched-
uled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy
Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that
region, therefore, are dispensed from
the obligation to attend Mass. If
Masses are cancelled, Catholics are
encouraged to participate in Holy
Mass via television, radio, or internet,
making a spiritual Communion. When
Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan,
parish, or school
events in that ge-
ographic region
are also
cancelled.



The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Parish/Community Activities!



Acolytes and Servers

If you are interested in brushing up on being an acolyte or a server now is a great time of the year to do that.

Jeff Kelley and his team are willing to help with this or to train anyone who may be interested in doing one of these ministries.

Please see Jeff Kelly before or after the 10:00 Mass. There is also a sign- up sheet in the back of church.

Christmas Collection for our Clergy

In appreciation for all our clergy members, we will be taking up a collection for them today after Mass.



Thank you for your generosity.



Please consider a Financial Gift

to The Historic Church of Saint Patrick through your Will, a gift of Life Insurance, an Annuity, or a Trust. Call Trish Shaffer at the parish office (419-243-6452, ext. 4) with any questions you may have.

Diocese of Toledo in Compliance Following Safe Environment Audit

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the *Charter* following the audit for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.



Due to the requirements of their jobs, thousands of our First Responders have contracted COVID 19 during the worldwide pandemic. Several hundred have died-an average of nearly 1 per day in 2020- and others continue to add to that devastating toll as a result of medical complications from contracting the virus on duty. They have given their lives for us as surely as a firefighter who dies responding to a fire or a police officer who is shot while apprehending a criminal.

Please keep in prayer the First Responders who have given their lives to keep us safe, and their grieving families and departments.

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS, December 5-8, 2021

Garrett Ramos	Sterling FD, IL
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ROLL CALL OF FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS, December 5-8, 2021

Bobby Williams	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, GA
Clay Livingston	Elbert County Sheriff's Office, CO

Diocese of Toledo Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call to service and leadership in your church as priests, consecrated religious and deacons. Amen
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