

# The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Paróiste Ceann Scribe Toledo  
Irish Destination Parish in Toledo



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Deacon: David E. Smith  
“Pastoral Emergencies Only 419-243-6031”

## ***EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES***

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!***

***A MEMBER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY***

## ***PARISH STAFF FOR HSP***

Business Manager ..... Trish Shaffer  
Administrative Assistant/Wedding Coordinator:  
..... Sherri Gaudet  
Parish Musician: ..... Eric Hite  
Choir Director: ..... Jeff Weiser  
Maintenance: ..... Rusty Belcher  
..... John Williams  
Custodian: ..... Charlene Leestma  
DeSales Outreach Center: ..... Sherri Gaudet  
Sacristan: ..... Rosalie Mills  
Usher Captains: ..... Bob Wuest  
..... Dave Meegan

A Blessed and Happy Christmas to one and all!

Nollaig shona shona daoibh go léir

As we gather to commemorate the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior, may the real meaning of the Holy Day infuse your thoughts, your words, and your actions. We might look at the event we recall to learn how it ought to affect us today.

Jesus was born in humble surroundings, an invitation to humility in our own lives, whether in terms of how or where we live, what sort of transportation we use, which kind of chair we sit in and all sorts of other things that can distract us from the needs of the world around us. That notion of humility might make us consider how we use or abuse the things of the earth to make ourselves comfortable. Do we really need water in plastic bottles that are clogging the oceans with toxic litter? Do we really need to crank the furnace up to 80° or the AC down to 65? Do we really need all those devices that use rechargeable lithium batteries that are so toxic that we don't yet know where to get rid of them when they die?

Jesus was born without anything of value, an invitation to consider what really matters for our own well-being and that of "our neighbor." As we think of the role we play in the civil structures around us, do we venerate power or do we seek justice? Is our first concern "What's in it for me?" or do we genuinely respect the dignity and worth of others with whom we share the earth? Do we have any idea the status of men, women and children in far flung areas of the world?

Christmas has become a secular spending spree sprinkled with football, super post-Christmas sales and presents, presents, presents. Take time in all of that – which is after all good – to allow some of what Jesus represents to be part of our celebration and you'll likely find it far more meaningful and far happier.

Sa lá atá inniu rugadh ár slánaitheoir, déanaimis lúcháir agus áthas orainn!

Today our Savior is born, let us rejoice and be glad.

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 and leave a message with your phone number and your call will be returned 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, ext. 3 **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**

**Finance Council**

Doug Bohl  
Jim Shrader  
Jeff Stephens  
Bill Malone  
Linda Jennings  
John Bachey  
Jim Kline

**Pastoral Council**

Amy Coronado  
Elaine Hoffman  
Jean Boeding  
Jen Czyzewski  
Joe Pinciotti  
John Adler  
Karen Hallett  
Kathy Thompson  
Kristine Waslar  
Martha Farrell  
Marty Lahey  
Mary Kay Belcher  
Michelle Zuelke  
Nancy Rank  
Pat Hickey  
Pat Thompson

**CALENDAR**

**December 23, 2023—December 31, 2023**



<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	<b><u>Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's</u></b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
	<b>Intention</b>	<b><u>Parishioners of St. Patrick</u></b> St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi/Deacon Tom <i>(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	9:30 am	
	10:00 am	
	<b>Intention</b>	<b><u>Parents of Marty &amp; Mary Helen Williams Jack, Rosemary, and Jim McHugh Pam Kreft (Cheney) &amp; Family Donald D. King Eric Stephen McClain</u></b> St. Patrick's Children's Christmas Mass/ Fr. Rudi <i>Streamed on Parish Facebook Page</i>
	6:00 pm	
	11:30 pm/12:00 am	St. Patrick's Christmas Carols/ Midnight Mass/Msgr. Chris/Deacon Tom <i>Streamed on Parish Facebook Page</i>
	10:30 am	<b><u>Christmas Eve @ Immaculate Conception</u></b> Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris/Deacon Dave
	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Children's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris
	12:00 am	Immaculate Conception Midnight Mass/ Fr. Rudi
<b>Mon</b>	9:00 am	<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b> St. Patrick's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris <i>Streamed on Parish Facebook Page</i>
	9:00 am	Immaculate Conception Christmas Mass/ Fr. Rudi & Deacon Tom

<b>Tues</b>	9:10 am	<b><u>"CANCELED"</u></b> Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
	11:00 am	St. Patrick's Baptism/Michael Twining/ Deacon Dave
<b>Wed</b>	5:30 pm	<b><u>"CANCELED"</u></b> St. Patrick's Weekday Mass <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i> <b><u>Parishioners of St. Patrick</u></b>
<b>Fri</b>	3:00 pm	St. Patrick's Tour/St. Mary Defiance/ Mary Kay Belcher
<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	<b><u>New Year's Eve</u></b> St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/Jeff Gralak
	<b>Intention</b>	<b><u>Parishioners of St. Patrick</u></b> St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris/Deacon Tom <i>(Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)</i>
	9:30 am	
	10:00 am	
	<b>Intention</b>	<b><u>Shrader, Ginter &amp; Periat Families Pam Kreft (Cheney) &amp; Family Karen Bates</u></b>
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi/Deacon Dave

-----**(Tear Line)**-----



We continue to update/add to our parish data base and e-mail list to help keep parishioners updated on parish events. Several of the e-mails and phone numbers we have are no longer valid. If you would please fill in the information below and put it in the offering basket or e-mail it to [sherri@stpatshistoric.org](mailto:sherri@stpatshistoric.org). Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_





WELCOME TO  
HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP**

- Dec 24 Mike Anderson
- Dec 24 Matthew Meyers
- Dec 24 Cole Ragan
- Dec 25 Charlene Leestma
- Dec 25 Angela Kuhn
- Dec 26 Mary Helen Williams
- Dec 26 Mary Smith
- Dec 26 Mariah Peters
- Dec 27 Joan Wiley
- Dec 27 Christopher Miller
- Dec 27 Ryan Keil
- Dec 27 John Grady
- Dec 27 Molly Carroll
- Dec 28 Meghan O'Brien
- Dec 28 Mason Cummins
- Dec 29 Autumn Gilmore
- Dec 29 Antonio luele
- Dec 29 Grady Croak
- Dec 30 Pat Hickey
- Dec 30 Brittany Jones



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP**

- Dec 26 Kevin & Janice Lodge 42 yrs
- Dec 26 James & Debra Schaefer 42 yrs
- Dec 29 Ron & Brenda Liwo 47 yrs
- Dec 30 David & Terri Carroll 34 yrs
- Dec 30 Brian & Janet Rozick 20 yrs



**PRAYER IS ANSWERED—HSP**



Sr. Josepha Feeney, Charles Rainey, Sam Cole, Shanna Crumby, Dona Crumby, Sonny Moore, Perry Moore, Jeff Knight, Dwight Knight, Mike Chiles, Nancy Miller-Semetko, Chuck Williams, Joseph Weiser, Don Brighton, Tammy Allen, Jimmie Bias, Terrie Moore, Pat Tansey, Rod McCarthy, Kelly Mitchell, Carol Erford, Sr. Janelle Brittain, Charlotte Best, Jim Jensen, Emily Miller, Helen Alice Jackson, Lee Ann Urbach, Brett Urbach, Deacon Dave Smith, Shelby, James Mack III, Msgr. Chris, Betty Sherman, Ralph Smith, Teri Wagner, Tim Dotson, Bob & Betty Hutson, Andrew Weiser, Colleen McGuire, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Noah Ashner, Susan Cairl, Patty Cunningham, Sue Smith, Sara & Family, John, Nicholas Clover, Melissa Meyers, Anne Fahle, Jerome Williams, Wyatt Shepherd, Angela Myers, Liz Weiser, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, Michael Moran, Sam Marsico, Jessica Straube, Maurice "Moose" Boeding, 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, Marian Lowe, Steven Czerniak, Kristin Salazar, Mary Lou Batanian, Gary Lilje, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Matt Rohrs, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Frank Ankney, Joann Degnan, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, Lupe Garcia, Kitty Burns, Liam Stacey, Cheryl Harwick, Angela Lemble, Madison Sims, 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 17, 2023**

**No Financial Report this week due to the holiday printing schedule. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 143,750.00
Actual	\$	\$ 111,606.05
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$	\$ 6,380.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ )	(\$ 25,763.95)

*Thank You!*



**ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH**

July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024



**Food Pantry**—We continue to serve those in need in the community 3 days a week (Monday-Wednesday-Friday).

**Soup Kitchen**—Continuing to serve meals to the community every Sunday!

<b><u>Outreach Income:</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
	\$ n/a	\$ 3,086.00

Thank You!



# HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### DECEMBER 24 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #888

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jeff Kelley, John Breidenbach, Zayne Garcia
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Kris Waslar, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Rosalie Mills, Susan Fix, Therese King
<b>Gifts:</b>	Char Lauer, Nancy Ankenbrandt
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Canary, Jim Shrader, John Canary
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>Hospitality Cancelled for Holiday</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Michelle Zuelke, Paula Nowicki
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Canary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>

### DECEMBER 31 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### Scripture Reading #894

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Chris Bates, Brendan Mohney, Mary Kay Belcher
<b>Communion:</b>	Carol Shrader, Chris Bates, Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Marie Arter, Maureen Mohney, Pat Hickey, Renee Hickey
<b>Gifts:</b>	Chris Carter, Therese King
<b>Greeters:</b>	Ann Figmaka, Char Lauer, Jeff Figmaka, Lisa Kelley
<b>Hospitality:</b>	<b>Hospitality Cancelled for Holiday</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Melanie Parton, Philip Vrzal
<b>Ushers:</b>	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Gary Johnson, Jeff Figmaka, Larry Minor, Tim McHugh
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b>



### To Be Announced



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	24	Mary Gertrude Bruning
Dec	31	Available
Jan	7	Available
Jan	14	Available



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	24	Maurice & Mary Ann Buckley
Dec	31	Brian & Marcy McMahon
Jan	7	Irving Family
Jan	14	Irving Family



#### St. Patrick's Food Pantry

We could use:

**JUICE, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO  
WITH COCOA BUTTER, TOILET  
PAPER, BAR SOAP, TOOTH-  
BRUSHES, AND CANNED FRUIT**



Other needs are tuna, Cream Soups, and Ramen Noodles. Food may be dropped off at anytime at parish office. 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!

### QR Code – an easier way to donate

Looking for a simple way to make a donation to the parish? Scan this QR code and go right to the donation page for The Historic Church of Saint Patrick. Open up the camera app on your smartphone. When you focus the camera on the QR Code, your phone will ask if you want to go to our site. Touch the instruction bar at the top/bottom of the photo and it will take you right to the donation page where you will see a yellow donate button. Thank you for supporting our parish and helping us share the Good News!



*Merry Christmas  
to all at  
The Historic Church  
of St. Patrick  
and  
Immaculate Conception*

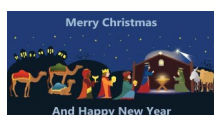


### Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices “Closed”

Friday, December 22  
thru  
Wednesday, January 3

We will see you Thursday,  
January 4!

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!**



### Masses Canceled

**Immaculate Conception**  
Tuesday, December 26th  
and January 2  
@ 9:00 am

**Historic St. Patrick**  
Wednesday, December 27th and  
January 3 @ 5:30 pm

### Congratulations on this Special Day December 26, 2023

May it bring  
with it love, peace  
and joy as we celebrate  
this Holy occasion  
of Baptism.



**Michael Twining**

### Christmas Flower Envelopes



Flower envelopes are  
located in the back of  
church on a table and will be used  
for decorating the church during the  
Christmas season.

### Reminder! Sunday, January 7th

**Blood Pressure  
Checks** by the  
Statue of the Pieta  
after Mass



and  
**Food Pantry  
Sunday**



### New Year's Day Masses

**Historic St. Patrick**

Monday, January 1  
9:00 am



**Immaculate Conception**

Monday, January 1  
9:00 am

### Christmas Masses



**“Sign up sheets  
for ministers”** are located in the  
back of church.

Please sign up if you are  
able to help minister at the:

**Dec. 24, 6:00 pm** Children's Mass  
**Dec. 24, 11:30 pm** Christmas Carols  
followed by 12:00 midnight Mass  
**Dec. 25, 9:00 am** Christmas Mass

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary became the Mother of Jesus  
she placed the will of God above  
all human laws and customs. Jo-  
seph too obeyed God, accepting  
Mary and her child when no one  
would have expected him to.  
Unite yourself to Jesus this Ad-  
vent; be strong like Mary and Jo-  
seph by committing to the Eucha-  
rist by going to confession, more  
time prayer, or visiting Jesus in  
the Tabernacle.  
Your live and reign with the Fa-  
ther and the Holy Spirit, one God  
forever and ever.

Come Lord Jesus!



# The Historic Church of St. Patrick's Parish/Community Activities!

## 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 geographic region will cancel the scheduled 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 geographic region are also cancelled.



## Merry Christmas from The St. Patrick's Evangelization Committee

We hope you enjoy our gift to you this year.

Your Christmas gift will be available as you exit the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



We wish you  
many Holy  
moments in 2024!

## Winter is Here! We are collecting



back packs, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, boots, socks and warm clothing for the cold season fast approaching. All items will be given directly back to the community through the outreach programs. Your help would be greatly appreciated with any donations you may have. All donations can be dropped off at Historic St. Patrick's between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

## Health News for December 24, 2023

### FOOD SAFETY TIPS FOR HEALTHY HOLIDAYS: Cook.

Food is safely cooked when it reaches a high enough internal temperature to kill harmful bacteria.

- Color is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Use a food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry, and fish are cooked to a safe internal temperature. To check a turkey for safety, insert a food thermometer into the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast. The turkey is safe when the temperature reaches 165°F. If the turkey is stuffed, the temperature of the stuffing should be 165°F.
- Bring sauces, soups, and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating.
- Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. When making your own eggnog or other recipe calling for raw eggs, use pasteurized shell eggs, liquid or frozen pasteurized egg products, or powdered egg whites.
- Don't eat uncooked cookie dough, which may contain raw eggs and raw flour.

**Bonus Tip: Use Care with Stuffing!** Whether it is cooked inside or outside the bird, all stuffing and dressing must be cooked to a minimum temperature of 165°F. For optimum safety, cooking your stuffing in a casserole dish is recommended.

**Source:** U.S. Food & Drug Administration

**Parish Nurse Ministry of Central Toledo:** Kathy Jeffery, RN, 419-242-1598

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	4:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's	6:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's	11:30 pm Carols/Midnight Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	12:00 am Midnight Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ St. Patrick's	9:00 am Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ St. Patrick's	9:00 am Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass