

New Irish Arrivals



Thanks to a grant from *The Rev. August Schaefer Endowment* in Marblehead our parish recently received two new statues which will enhance our Irish Destination sustainability program. Those who were present for the blessing of the Brendan the Navigator statue by Bishop Kevin Rhoades will recall that as he was making his way over to the statue he turned and asked whether the next image would be that of St. Kevin of Glendalough. Kevin wanted to be a hermit and spend his life in contemplation of the majesty of God but he developed followers and a community where he was named bishop. His piety, spirituality and presence led to his being named one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. Thinking to give thanks to Bishop Rhoades we applied for the grant and when it was awarded commissioned the unique work of art which now graces our church. Hopefully, in years to come we'll bring the entire Twelve to the church.

Our second new image is a lamb which reminds us of the Lamb of God in the apparition at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland on 21 August 1879. Those who were blessed to witness the apparition of Our Lady, Joseph and John also saw a lamb standing just outside the wall of the church where the tabernacle stood on the inside. That lamb breathed and looked around at the fifteen people, young and old, gathered "around that gabled wall." The statue now in the church here is looking out at the faithful assembled to partake of the Bread of Life, the Lamb of

God at the table of the Lord. Like all our acquisitions, the lamb is a unique work of art created expressly for the Historic Church of St. Patrick.

May our worship of the True Lamb, Jesus the Christ, and our veneration of St. Kevin bring many blessings to the parish and its people.

If you'd like to endow a statue of one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland as a memorial to a loved one, contact the parish at 419-243-6452 or sherri@stpatshistoric.org for information on cost and designing parameters.



Play Ball!

Get your Mud Hens Tickets!

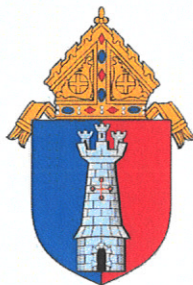
**Historic St. Patrick Night
at 5th Third Field
Thursday June 12th**

**Dinner @ 5:30
Game Time 7:05**

**Game tickets = \$12
Game ticket + dinner @ the rectory = \$20**

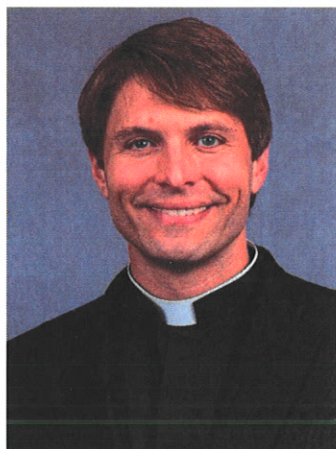
B.Y.O.Beverage

**Please sign up in back of church after Mass
today through June 8th.**



PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

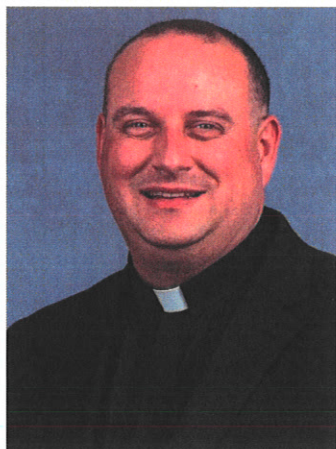
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Father Travis Kahle

My name is Father Travis Kahle and my home parish is St. Mary's in Bluffton. I grew up in a Catholic household and am the oldest of three siblings. I graduated from Pandora-Gilboa High School in 2005 and studied Philosophy at St. Joseph's College (IN). After college I spent a few years in Columbus, OH working a few different jobs including as a musician.

In 2014, I returned home to help care for my father in his last year battling with ALS. During this time, I experienced a reinvigoration of my faith life and began seriously discerning the priesthood. I completed an MA in Healthcare Mission Leadership from Loyola University Chicago and got some experience with hospital chaplaincy at Mercy Health in Lima while also leading the high school youth ministry at my home parish. I began my seminary studies in Cincinnati in 2018 and God has blessed me immensely since then. I am so grateful to our Lord for the great gift of calling me to this vocation and to our diocese for supporting me in my formation. The many prayers of the faithful in our diocese who love and support the priesthood have won for me much grace and help along my journey. Blessed Mother, intercede for us and draw us closer to the heart of our savior Jesus Christ!



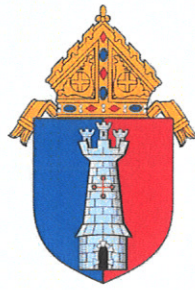
Father Eric Kaufman

My name is Father Eric Kaufman, and my home parish is St. John the Baptist in Glandorf. From an early age a strong work ethic, caring for others, and a spirit of volunteerism in giving back for the greater good was instilled in me. It was these values, along with the love from family and the community, and the physical and spiritual beauty of the Catholic faith, that helped my Catholic faith and love for Christ grow.

After graduating high school and then receiving a degree in Computer Aided Design (CAD), I started working for PRO-TEC Coating Company in Leipsic. It was then, in my twenties that I gave back even more to the parish and community. From serving on Parish Council, heading our parish capital campaign committee, the parish history committee, and the liturgical decorating group, to being a member of the Ottawa-Glandorf Jaycees, Glandorf Lions Club, and serving on the Glandorf Village Council for four and a half years, until I entered the seminary at the age of thirty.

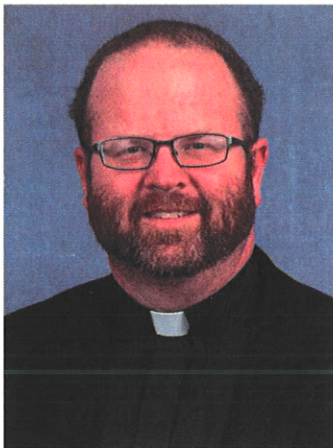
Now, after almost seven years, my time of initial priestly formation is almost over. Throughout my time in discernment and formation, Mary, especially under her title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, has had an amazing impact on my spiritual life in leading me closer to her son, and it is Jesus then who has led me to the vocation and mission that he has for me. For I always keep in mind the last words of Mary, recorded in the scriptures to the servants at the Wedding at Cana. "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5) Reminding all of us to always listen to the Lord and do whatever he tells us.

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Father Kevin McGraw

Hello! I am from Elida, Ohio and my home parish is St. Charles Borromeo in Lima. My parents are Tom and Kathy McGraw. My brother Ryan, his wife Jill, my niece Rori, and another child in the womb live in Delaware, Ohio. My brother and I's oldest sibling died prior to birth and, please God, is in heaven.

I went to Elida Local Schools through high school, graduating in 2006. I attended BGSU (Class of 2011) and while there, having fallen out of even a minimal practice of the Faith, I had an encounter with Jesus Christ through the campus ministry of St. Thomas More University Parish and Newman Center, and the Lord transformed my life. I grew in love and in zeal for Christ and His Church.

In 2013, it seemed that the Lord may be calling me to not only priesthood, but perhaps the consecrated life as well, so I began formation to become a Redemptorist priest. However, in 2019, after the Lord led me out of Redemptorist formation, I worked as an associate

campus minister in Virginia until Summer of 2021 when I became a seminarian once again, this time affiliated with the Diocese of Toledo. In August 2021, I started at Theology II at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati.

On May 18, 2024, I was ordained a transitional deacon of the Diocese of Toledo with Deacons Eric Kaufman and Travis Kahle. I will finish the final semester of priestly formation at MTSM in May 2025.

In my years of seminary formation, I have strived to respond generously to the Lord's call, and I am happy where He has led! I am grateful for your prayers and support as ordination as a priest of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Toledo approaches. For His glory and the salvation of souls!

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Donate to Heartbeat and Help offer Hope and Support to Women, Children and Families in Need!

The Historic Church of St. Patrick is hosting a Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Heartbeat of Toledo. Participation is easy. Baby bottles have been provided for you to take home, fill it with your spare change, cash or checks. We understand that it may be more convenient for some to give digitally, we have incorporated various electronic ways to contribute in an effort to maximize ease for those who wish to donate to this cause of Hope. With the electronic giving option there is also the opportunity to set up a recurring monthly gift to support the families we serve. Those wishing to join us by donation can do so by visiting the website at:

<https://www.heartbeattoledo.org/donate-now/> or by hovering your camera over the QR code listed below. Envelopes will also be provided for your convenience as well if you choose to give cash or check donations. Our church's campaign for Heartbeat of Toledo will begin the weekend of **May 11 and end the weekend of May 25, 2025.**

Your donation will help support hundreds of women, children and families in the coming year. Your donation will help Heartbeat continue to provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and options counseling to expectant women, helping turn fear into confidence. Heartbeat also offers prenatal and parenting classes where new and expectant moms and dads can learn valuable parenting skills while earning much-needed baby items. Help with making an adoption plan is also available. For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeattoledo.org. Your support matters!



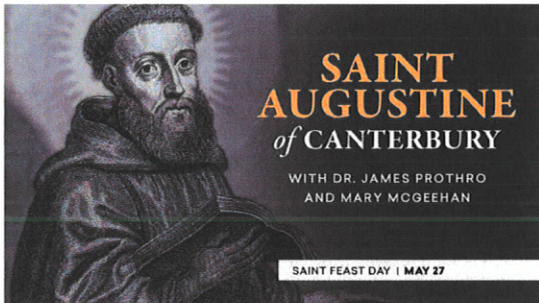
This Week on Formed

Week of May 25, 2025



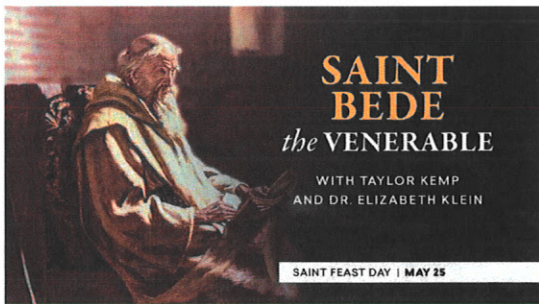
Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



St. Augustine of Canterbury | Catholic Saints

St. Augustine of Canterbury is often called the "Apostle to the English". A great missionary, St. Augustine was pivotal in converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Catholic faith. Join Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss this great saint and his witness to Jesus Christ.



St. Bede the Venerable | Catholic Saints

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss the holy life and witness of St. Bede the Venerable.

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