



Clergy Appreciation Month

October is the month for Clergy Appreciation-
A mere 31 days for deserved acclamation!
Historic St. Patrick is blessed with service from two:
For parish activities, they are the glue.

Msgr. Vasko and Father Rudi are known to all, ready to respond with each and every call: Sometimes it comes on a frantically busy day when a desperate person has troubling fears to allay.

At other times an individual needs help at night but Msgr. will shake off slumber to make things right; sometimes it's counseling and an attentive ear which enables the caller to dismiss disturbing fear.

More often than not, parishioners have concerns to share but when solutions are elusive, our priests lead us to prayer; that's at the heart of our fundamental Catholic belief as we entreat our loving God when seeking relief.

But clergy appreciation transcends personal interactions since Msgr. must be aware of all parish transactions. This is no easy task given the diverse parish demands and resolutions that may require the work of many hands.

Consider for example that Historic St. Patrick has committees numbering 16, each designed to make us run like a well-oiled machine, but that machine would be a sadly malfunctioning one if Msgr. didn't oversee that everything was always done.

Some focus on the details of exterior appearance, monitoring flower beds & landscape with perseverance. Others focus on that which is the basis of a good deed like our food pantry and soup kitchen fulfilling a desperate need.

Diverse ministries have roles for every willing parish member with work for volunteers from January through December; but the ultimate responsibility for every parish undertaking requires Msgr.'s oversight, big and little picture, precise and painstaking.

There are ups and downs to being the parish decision-maker, but we are blessed to have Msgr. as Historic St. Pat's anchor. Our gratitude for his leadership exceeds the October duration as we are unlimited by time for our unlimited Clergy Appreciation.



October 19, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Historic Church of St. Patrick,

We are about to embark on a project that has been years in the making, both in terms of the problem we hope to solve and the preparation for the undertaking: the removal and repair of the marble walls in the sanctuary. It's an exciting time because what we're accomplishing will help preserve our magnificent building for decades to come.

So what's the project? Over the years since the marble panels were mounted on the walls of the sanctuary, time and gravity have been working to make those heavy stone panels begin to slide down. They're held in place by copper clips and mortar. The mortar has dried out and is crumbling and the copper is being stretched now that the "glue" is loosening. At the same time, gaps between wall and panel are visible, especially at the corners so it's easy to see that the issue is getting worse, not better. There is a risk that if we don't do something, the bottom of the panels against the floor will crack and destroy the magnificent vista of our sanctuary.

Beginning next Monday (October 26) some changes will be made that will be quite apparent when you come in for Mass or one of our other activities in the church. All the furnishings, statues, tables, and chairs in the sanctuary will be removed to prevent damage. The altar will be boxed in to keep it safe and a curtain wall will go up just in front of the current altar to "hide" the construction equipment and any bare walls that would be open over a weekend. A temporary altar and a small tabernacle will be set up on the bottom step of the sanctuary where Mass will be celebrated. I know lines of sight will be terrible, but (I'm showing my age here) as the New York Turnpike used to post during construction: "Temporary inconvenience, permanent improvement." Hopefully all the work will be completed by the end of November or early December so we should have a sparkling "new" sanctuary for Christmas.

Projects of this scope are always expensive; this one will come in around \$238,600 – in large part because the equipment to handle such large slabs of marble is hard to find. The fact that not a lot of companies exist that do the required work makes operating the necessary equipment quite expensive. We had to go far and near to find a company that would do the job! We're using funds from the Preservation Society so thanks to all who belong and make contributions to that resource. We've also received a couple of special gifts from those who know it's going to be costly so if you'd like to make a special donation, it would certainly be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Chris

ALICE TRAINING

IS BEING OFFERED FOR YOUR SAFETY IN THE EVENT
OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IN OUR CHURCH

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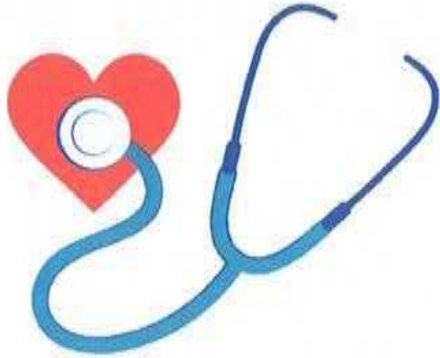
Alert,
Lockdown,
Inform,
Counter,
Evacuate

Our very own Sgt. Dan

is offering emergency training to all parishioner's
on **Saturday, November 1st**
from 9:00 am—1:00 pm at Historic St. Patrick.

Everyone is welcome to this very
informative training.

This training will also be “**live streamed**” for
anyone wishing to watch from home.



THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK
CELEBRATION OF
HEALTH CARE WORKERS
(130 AVONDALE AVE. TOLEDO)

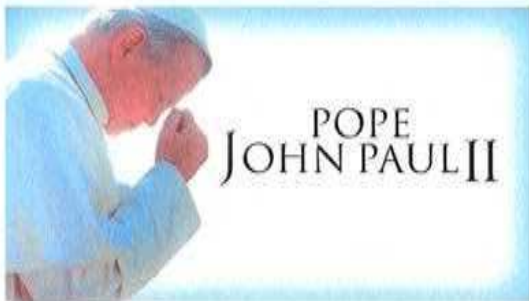
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10:00 AS WE HONOR OUR HEALTH
CARE WORKERS. ALL ARE
WELCOME.



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This Week on Formed

Week of October 19, 2025



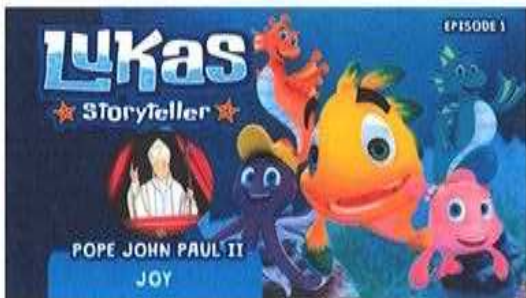
Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

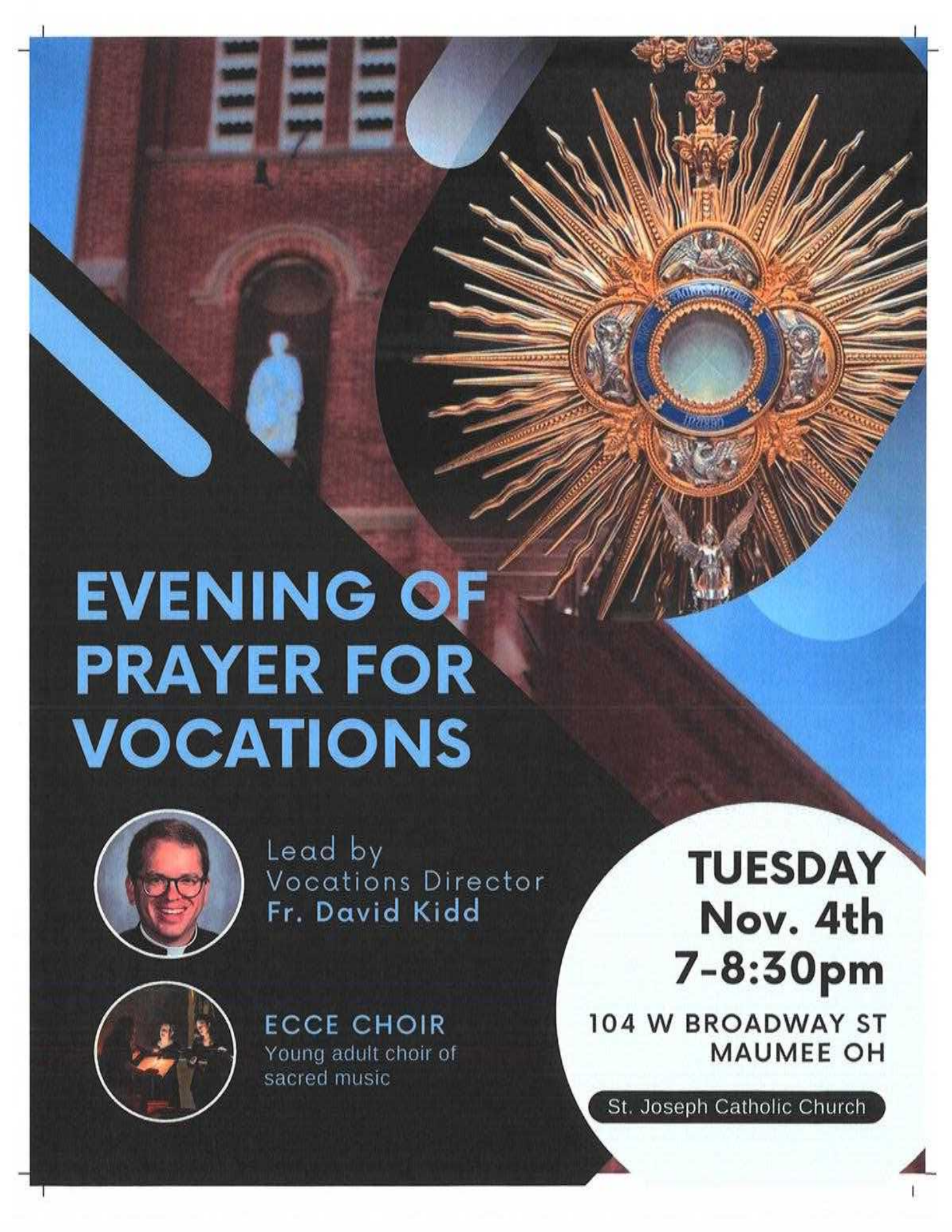
Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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EVENING OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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Vocations Director
Fr. David Kidd



ECCE CHOIR
Young adult choir of
sacred music

TUESDAY
Nov. 4th
7-8:30pm

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St. Joseph Catholic Church