

St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

NOVEMBER 26, 2017
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Brothers and Sisters,

The month of December comes with spirit of celebration. It's a time to be joyful and be happy. As Catholics we will be looking forward to the big day in December, i.e., the Christmas. Just as with any other celebrations in the family, the celebration of Christmas also needs a lot of preparation – spiritual and physical.

This is also that time of the year when we exchange gifts. Giving gift symbolizes giving of ourselves to the other person and therefore we always strive to give the best gifts.

As you make the list of the people to give gifts, do you have the name of Jesus on your list? And what gift you have in mind to be given to Jesus on his birthday.

I think the best gift Jesus would look forward to from us is our heart and soul. In order that we may be able to give cleanest heart and soul to Jesus the mother church gives us four weeks of advent to prepare ourselves. Let us take these four weeks as a time to prepare our hearts and souls to be offered to Jesus on his birthday as a birthday present to him.

Please note our Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Friday 12/01 St. Patrick 7-8pm

Monday 12/04 St. Louis 7-8 pm

Sunday 12/10 St. Louis after the mass

Sunday 12/17 St. Patrick after the masses

Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Pastor

Holy Day of Obligation: December 08 is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. It is a day of obligation. The mass schedule for the day is – **12/07 @ 7.00 pm at St. Patrick & St. Louis**
12/08 @ 09.15 am St. Louis, 12.00 noon at St. Patrick

Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday: On the First Friday of every month we have Eucharistic Adoration between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for our Eucharistic Adoration for the month of December on 12/01.

St. Louis School, Custar: is currently accepting applications for a part-time secretary. Hours are 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Computer skills are needed- especially knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. If interested, please call the school office at 419-669-1875 and ask for Ellie Panning.

CCD New Schedule: Our new time for CCD will be between 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m., starting on Sunday December 3rd.



Christmas
Food Baskets

Otsego Christmas Baskets: The parish office has started taking names of people for baskets. Please remember that the person(s) have to know about getting the basket. If you would like to donate food or **NEW** toys you can bring them to the

Northwest corner of the hall. **Please no clothes!** The only clothes we will be accepting are warm items: gloves, scarves, hats, etc. We will be sorting the toys on Wed. Dec. 13th at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to help with the packing of food on Thurs. Dec. 14th at 6 p.m. On Sat. Dec. 16th at 9 a.m.-Noon we will be distributing the food and toys. Anyone over 18 is welcome to help. We need strong arms as the boxes do get heavy. The Otsego Christmas Baskets is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Calling All Young Singers!! We are looking for youngsters who like to sing and want to help us ring in the Christmas season with style! Be sure to join us on Sunday mornings Dec. 3rd & 17th from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. to learn, practice, and rehearse songs for the Christmas Eve Mass!

Youth Group: Our Parish Youth Group from 8th-12th grade meets every Wednesday at the parish hall. Food is served at 6:15 p.m. The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. We will need everyone's help to switch out the Word & Song books on **11/29**. All youth of our parish & friends are welcome every Wednesday.

Rectory Open House: Fr. Walter would like to invite everyone to stop in and see all the changes to the rectory on Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 1-4 p.m. The address is 17680 Woodburn Ave. Grand Rapids, Oh.

Grand Rapids Blood Drive is on Thursday Dec. 7th: It will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church from 1:00 pm – 7 pm. Contact Gloria at 419-215-5416 or online at RedCrossBlood.org.

The Next Sunshine Committee Meeting: Sunday November 26th around 9:30 a.m. we will meet in the hall. All are welcome to attend!



Save the Date-Annunciation Radio's Fall Sharathon: is set for November 28th through December 1st. Four days of live interviews, fun and fundraising from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. As a non-profit apostolate, Annunciation Radio is 100% funded by listener donations. Please plan on listening and calling in your pledges to 888-215-0624 to help keep Catholic radio on the air in our diocese.

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (11/19/17)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (85)	\$ 2,827.00
Loose	\$ <u>636.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,463.00
Votive Candles	\$ 15.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 88.64
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
All Saint's	\$ 50.00
CCHD	\$ 374.00
Offertory Received to Date (21 wk.)	\$ 83,913.95
Average	\$ 3,995.90

Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests: Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 4 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them many blessings.

Visit toledodiocese.org for Current News and Events: Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting www.toledodiocese.org. In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo), Twitter (www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo).

Family Perspective: Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirst toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

Helping Hands of St. Louis (Soup Kitchen): There were 213 people served at the November 15th dinner. St. Stephens in East Toledo had kindly donated their extra dinners that were left over after their feather party. The deserts from St. Patrick's were greatly appreciated and finished off a wonderful meal. If you wish to donate cupcakes, cookies, cakes, brownies, etc please drop off at St. Patrick's Providence kitchen. The month of December desserts must be here by the weekend of Dec. 16th or 17th and the latest would be Tuesday the 19th by Noon. There are NEW mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

- **Lillian Mertes **Dick Mertes
- **Ed Bump **Tony Kleis
- **Bonnie Piasecki **Mary Ann Weasel
- **Rich Piasecki **Georgia Cutris
- **Margaret Mockenstrum **Don Westhoven
- Bob H. Robert Bowman
- **Joe Periat Donna Arp
- Brayden Martens Kim Houseman
- **Lucy McCready Lela Schulze

** is a member of St. Patrick

On the first Sunday of every month the prayer list will be reset with names that have contacted the office that prior month. You can call our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215 for more details! We hope that you will also utilize the prayer boxes at both of our main entrances to church for any special prayer requests. Thank You!

2018 March for Life: Interested in attending the 2018 March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 20, 2018? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only \$159, but for college students there is a special discounted price of \$119! Our trip includes two nights in the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart Thursday, January 18, at 3 p.m. and will return Saturday evening, January 20. Payments by check can be made out and mailed to Catholic Charities, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo with "March for Life" in the memo line. Be sure to include name, email, cell phone and rooming preferences. If you have any questions, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933. Deadline to register is Friday, December 1.

Cathy's Joke's for the Week!

-A pastor was 10 minutes into his sermon when he noticed his 7-year-old son in the balcony with a peashooter. The boy was leaning over the balcony rail, carefully aiming and popping people in the head. As the pastor was about to deliver a very public scolding of the boy, the boy hollered: "You keep preaching, Dad, and I'll keep them awake!"

-"If you want to stay young, associate with young people. If you want to get old in a hurry, try to keep up with them."

-I observed in church recently an elderly woman standing with eyes closed and hands raised in prayer and praise. The 3-year-old boy standing in the pew in front of her turned around and gave her a high-five."

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OUR VISION

We are a people of God, nourished by sacred Scripture and Sacrament. We believe in and are experiencing the mystery of God's unconditional love for us. Through Jesus Christ — and with the help of the Holy Spirit — we work to build God's Kingdom on earth. Our efforts within our parish will focus on: our fuller union with God, our strengthened relationships with each other and our caring service to others.

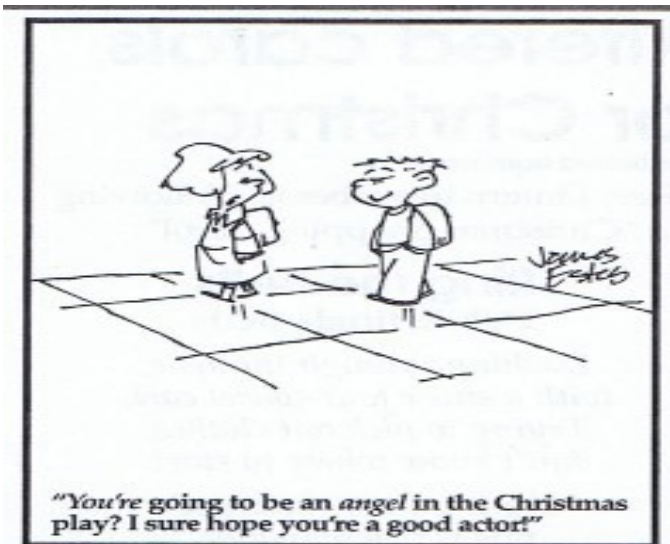
Christ the King: When the Son of Man comes in glory, may you be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 2nd & 3rd

Weekend	4:30 p.m.	F. & H. Zbierajewski, C. Balusik
Liturgies	8:00 a.m.	RM. Scherzer, M. Hannewald, J. Krueger
	11:00 a.m.	L. Ellinwood, A. Warner, K. Youngblood

Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	B. Hertzfeld, C. Lillevik, N. Athanitis, K. Kessler, C. Nelms
	8:00 a.m.	J. Hahn, J. Sattler, C. Tippenhauer, B. & P. Weimer
	11:00 a.m.	D. Miller, N. Bump, J. & E. Collins, D. Glenn

Servers:	4:30 p.m.	R. Kessler, D. Gase, RJ Agosti
	8:00 a.m.	S. & K. Johnson, K. Maas
	11:00 a.m.	S. & A. Shafer,



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LITURGY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.–Dan. 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk. 21:1-4
Tues.–Dan. 2:31-45; Lk. 21:5-11
Wed.–Dan. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk. 21:12-19
Thurs.–Rom. 10:9-18; Matt. 4:8-22
Fri.–Dan. 7:2-14; Lk. 21:29-33
Sat.–Dan. 7:15-27; Lk. 21:34-36
Sun.–Isa. 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor. 1:3-9;
Mrk. 13:33-37

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies: Nov. 28th & 30th

Mon. St. Louis 09:15 a.m.
Tue. St. Patrick 08:00 a.m.
Wed. St. Louis 09:00 a.m.
Thurs. St. Patrick 08:00 a.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES

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Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m.-For our Parish
Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m.-For our Parish
St. Louis 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick 11:30 a.m. For our Parish

**Holy Day Liturgies are at 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of
Penance is on Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. or
call Fr. Walter for an appt. 832-2414**

DIRECTORY

Pastor-Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Parish Office-Catherine Agosti
Coordinator, Religious Ed.-Stacie Maas
Parish Pastoral Council-Sue Sochacki (Secretary)
Worship-Sue Sochacki
Liturgical Scheduling-Colleen Lillevik
Youth Coordinator-Kevin Hertzfeld
St. Vincent DePaul Society-Contact Parish Office
R.C.I.A.-Marie Wolfram, Tony & Barbara Kleis,
Ron & Rachael Borders, Ruth Herndon &
Bev Wilson
Bell Choir-Karol Westhoven
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**Contact Parish Office on any Directory Questions!

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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++					Pope Francis 1	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 2
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 3	Your Parish Priests 4	Parents of Priests 5	Rev. Joseph P. Szybka 6	Rev. Douglas D. Taylor 7	Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas 8	Rev. Florian Tiell 9
Rev. Maurice Tiell 10	Seminarian Mr. Joseph Mominee 11	Rev. David D. Tscherne 12	Rev. Walter E. Tuscano 13	Very Rev. Msgr Christopher P. Vasko 14	Deacons and Order Priests 15	Rev. Tony V. Vattaparambil 16
Rev. Vicente A. Vera 17	Rev. Melvin T. Verhoff 18	Rev. Jeffrey J. Walker 19	Very Rev. Dennis G. Walsh 20	Rev. Gary R. Walters 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22	Rev. David E. Watson 23
Rev. Mark Weaver 24	Very Rev. Herbert F. Weber 25	Seminarian Deacon Scott Perry 26	Rev. Nicholas Weibl 27	Rev. Joseph A. Weigman 28	Rev. George E. Wenzinger 29	Deceased Priests of our Diocese 30
Pray for Peace 31	Lord, bless our priests and surround them with your protection!					