



St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are past week one of Advent. Time flies. Before we know we will find ourselves at Christmas Mass. In the midst of all the business of this time of the year let us take time to deliberately slow down and focus on the ultimate goal of our life and orient ourselves to that one goal – Life of Heaven.

Mass Schedule

December 24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the same evening we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Nativity of our Lord. In view of this we have made changes to the Mass schedule on December 24.

12/23 04:30 pm St. Patrick
12/24 08:00 am St. Patrick
12/24 09:30 am St. Louis
12/24 04:30 pm St. Patrick
12/24 04:30 pm St. Louis
12/24 10:00 pm St. Louis
12/24 Midnight St. Patrick
12/25 09:00 am St. Patrick

Mass schedule for December 31st

12/31 07:30 am St. Patrick
12/31 09:30 am St. Louis
12/31 11:30 am St. Patrick
12/31 06:00 pm St. Louis
1/1/18 08:00 am St. Patrick

Fr. Walter Tuscano
Pastor

Lectors, Ministers of Communion and Servers!!!

Please sign up for one of the Christmas Liturgies:

Many people are needed to make our liturgies so meaningful. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall.

Snow Emergencies: If any of our counties (Lucas, Henry, Fulton, or Wood) declare either a Level 2 or 3 we will cancel. We will attempt to put the cancellation on Channel 11 WTOL and Channel 13 WTVG. However, on the weekends television stations have short staffs and so the cancellations may not go on time for our classes.

This is different than the Diocese policy that mass can be cancelled for Level 3. Because our teachers come from a wide area, and road conditions can be different in different counties, we will not wait until a Level 3 to cancel. Any questions call the parish office, 419-832-5215.

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.

Otsego Christmas Baskets Needs Your Help: We have until Dec. 12 to receive items. We are in need of food, toys and monetary donations. We are behind of what we did last year. 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. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

Our Advent “Warming Tree: is now under the balcony during the Sundays of Advent. You are invited to bring blankets, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc.



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

- **Ed Bump
- **Lillian Mertes
- **Bonnie Piasecki
- **Rich Piasecki
- Lela Schulze
- **Joe Periat
- **Lucy McCready
- **Tony Kleis
- **Dick Mertes
- **Don Westhoven
- Trevor
- Robert Bowman
- Donna Arp
- Kim Houseman

** 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!

RCIA Rite of Welcoming will be on Sunday December 17th @ our 11:30 a.m. Mass

Calling All Young Singers!! Be sure to join us for our last Sunday morning practice Dec. 17th from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. to rehearse songs for the Christmas Eve Mass!

St. Louis Altar Rosary Candlelight Dinner: on Thursday December 21 at 6 p.m. in the school basement. Tickets are a \$10 donation that can be purchased from Jan in the St. Louis office or by calling Mandi Seedorf at 419-308-9985.

Youth Group: Our Parish Youth Group grades 8th-12th meet every Wednesday at the parish hall. Food is served at 6:15 p.m. The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. All youth of our parish & friends are welcome every Wednesday.



**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (12/3/17)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (100)	\$ 4,088.00
Loose	\$ 214.26
Total	\$ 4,302.26
Votive Candles	\$ 86.07
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 83.74
Magazines	\$ 4.00
Stole Fees	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Christmas	\$ 120.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00
Religious Retire	\$ 25.00
Offertory Received to Date (23 wk.)	\$ 92,393.21
Average	\$ 4,017.09

Family Perspective: Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

Helping Hands of St. Louis (Soup Kitchen): 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!

A Bench for Caps Program: St. Louis students are collecting all sorts of plastic caps that will be recycled and made into benches for the playground! Some examples are caps from bottled water, pop, milk, medicine bottles, detergent bottles, etc. Flip caps are acceptable, however, no trigger-spray caps. There is a basket available in the back of church to place the caps. We ask that they are rinsed clean. The students will then sort and weigh the caps until we have reached the amount needed. Thank you for helping us!

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Campaign: Help Heartbeat of Toledo make a difference in the lives of Toledo-area moms and babies by participating in their baby bottle campaign. Just pick up a baby bottle as you leave church during the weekend of January 13 & 14. Take it home, fill it with your spare change and return it to the box near the church entrance the weekend of January 27 & 28. For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Your donation works for aging religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Cathy's Joke's for the Week! –A Man and his wife were sitting in the living room when he remarked, “Just for the record, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.” His wife got up and unplugged the TV set.

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today cautioning us, “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 16th & 17th

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	R. Potter, C. Balusik, C. Lillevik
	7:30 a.m.	M. Hannewald, J. Prchlik, J. Krueger
	11:30 a.m.	D. Miller, K. Youngblood, L. Ellinwood
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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	P. Hertzfeld, B. Krukowski, J. May, B. Heier, N. Athanitis
	7:30 a.m.	R. Pollock, J. Sattler, RM. Scherzer, S. & P. Maas
	11:30 a.m.	D. Glenn, E. & J. Collins, R. Guyer, N. Bump
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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	L., I. & J. Brewster
	7:30 a.m.	S. Jones, S. & K. Johnson

11:30 a.m. A. Divis, A. & N. Nagel

LITURGY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.—Isa. 2:1-5; Matt. 8:5-11
- Tues.—Isa.11:1-10; Lk. 10:21-24
- Wed.—Isa. 25:6-10a; Matt. 15:29-37
- Thurs.—Isa. 26:1-6; Matt. 7:21, 24-27
- Fri.—Gen. 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38
- Sat.—Isa. 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sun.—Isa. 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Ptr. 3:8-14; Mrk. 1:1-8

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Liturgies: Dec. 12th & 14th

- Mon. St. Louis 09:15 a.m.
- Tue. St. Patrick 08:00 a.m. John Riegler
- 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. Theresa Parkos
- St. Louis 9:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick 11:30 a.m. For our Parish
- *Penance after 11:30 Mass on the 17th!

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
- Cemetery Board-Mike Metzger
- **Contact Parish Office on any Directory Questions!

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