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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.

**December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent**

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LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47
Tuesday – Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday – Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday – Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
Friday – Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36
Saturday – Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Sunday – Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

LITURGIES THIS WEEK: (Dec. 13th & Dec. 15th)

Tues.	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m.
Wed.	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.
Thurs.	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m.
Fri.	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES: (Dec. 17th & 18th)

Sat.	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m. – (For our Parish)
Sat.	St. Louis	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m. – (For our Parish)
Sun.	St. Louis	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	St. Patrick	11:00 a.m. – (Rudy Agosti Sr.)

Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Liturgies

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
or call Fr. Dave, 832-2414 for appt.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Call pastor anytime (832-5215 (O);
832-2414 (H))

Marriages

Notify pastor at least six months before your wedding date.

Baptisms

Meeting with parents is needed before liturgy.

Parish Membership

New members are most welcome!

To join, call our office or speak with pastor.
If planning to leave parish, please notify office.



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 17th & 18th

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	C. Balusik, M. Gase, B. Krukowski
	8:00 a.m.	M. Hannewald, J. Prchlik, J. Krueger
	11:00 a.m.	A. Warner, T. Kleis, D. Miller

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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	T. & R. Shine, B. Hertzfeld, K. Kessler, C. Lillevik
	8:00 a.m.	J. Hahn, S. Hannewald, B. Pollock, RO. & RM. Scherzer
	11:00 a.m.	J. & E. Collins, Ch. & C. Stoepfel W. Wiewiora

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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	W., A., & D. Gase
	8:00 a.m.	Z. & J. Jones
	11:00 a.m.	C. Warner, O. Weaver, T. Miller

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| **Patricia Cook | **Ed Bump |
| **Marge Hertzfeld | **Mary Ann Weasel |
| Mark Karmol | **Marcy Dick |
| Ruth Hurd | Greg Paul |
| **Margaret Mockenstrum | **Tony Biesiot |
| **Denise Krabill | **Steve Hertzfeld |
| Deborah Page | **Kim Kempf |
| Jason Henderson | Julia |
| **Larry Hertzfeld | Susan Ammon |
| **Mary Ann Kowalik | **Beverly Liske |
| VJ | Michelle Harting |
| Robert Bowman | **Jamee Bernthisel |
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| Corey Longenecker | **Jerry Hahn |
| **Bob Hertzfeld | Galvin Moore |
| Marie Thomas | **Rich Piasecki |
| Rita Biesiot | Forest Plotts |
| Tom Auth | **Ethel Sheeley |
| **David Durham | Theresa Metzger |
| Brenda Michaels | **Jean Burt |
| Susan Stohl | Janice Wade |
| Mindy Vance | Bob Freeworth |
| **Evan Simon | **Lillian Mertes |
| Beau & Brin Beemer | **Georgia Curtis |
| Stacey Snyder | **Bonnie Piasecki |
| Audrey H. | **Don Westhoven |
| Jeannine Garrard | Lois Plotts |
| Nick Fall | Tim Scheer |
| **Evelyn Gray | Gaylene McGrath |
| Mary Rosa | **Malory Beasley |
| Patrick Crottie | Shannon Jones |
| Landon Lightle | Steve & Sue Hurst |
| **Rosemary Biesoit | **Kristy Kitchen |
| **Dick Mertes | Dave Brennan |
| Mark Mackowiak | Claire Zbierajewski |
| Loretta Murano | Dorothy Brennan |
| Marshal Geiselman | Daryl Chamberlain |

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (12/4/16)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (105)	\$ 4,132.00
Loose	\$ 328.00
Total	\$ 4,460.00
Votive Candles	\$ 49.26
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 106.23
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 49.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
Offertory Received to Date (23 wk.)	\$ 90,890.19
Average	\$ 3,951.74

Calling all Christmas Eve Singers...

We need young singers to help us ring in the holiday with song. Please plan on coming 15 minutes early for class to practice for the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Any questions please call or text Sue Hannewald @ 419-250-2540. Hope to see you on Dec. 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the church! Thanks, Sue

Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Servers!!!

Please sign up for one of the Christmas liturgies.

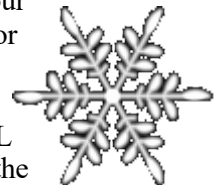
Many people are needed to make our liturgies so meaningful. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall.

** is a member of St. Patrick

If you know of anyone who needs to be removed please contact Cathy in the parish office 419-832-5215.

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 up 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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”



Baskets is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you for all the generosity and help it is greatly appreciated.

St. Louis Kitchen, Toledo Dessert Drop-Off

If you are willing to make a dessert for the kitchen please have them in St. Pat’s kitchen by the weekend of Dec. 17-18 or at the latest Tues. Dec. 20. Thank you for helping us feed others.

2017 March for Life Interested in attending the 2017 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 2017? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only \$129 per person, but college students get a special discounted price of \$99! Our trip includes an overnight stay at the Hyatt Place in downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart late evening on Thursday, January 26, and return late evening on Saturday, January 28. If you have any questions, contact Respect Life Program Coordinator Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-4933. Deadline to register is Thursday, December 15. Please see flyer on our church bulletin boards for more information.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others. Today many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Candlelight Vigil for Life

Bring a candle and join members of the pro-life community of Northwest Ohio on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. as we gather at Capital Care abortion facility, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio to pray in honor of the Christ Child whose coming we celebrate this Christmas. If you have any questions, contact Director of Office for Life and Justice, Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org.

I would like to send out my apologies for the mix up on the year & days of the week for the Holiday schedule that was printed in the Shamrock. This is the corrected one! The times have not changed.

Opportunities for Penance/Reconciliation this Week:

- Monday December 12th Perrysburg St. Rose Penance Service 7p.m.
- Wednesday December 14th Individual reconciliation St. Louis-Custar 5pm, 7pm
- Thursday December 15th Individual reconciliation St. Patrick-Providence 11am, 5pm, 7pm
- Saturday December 17th Individual Reconciliation St. Patrick-Providence 3-4pm

Christmas/New Year’s Schedules of Masses*

***Sat. December 24, 2016**

- Christmas Eve
- *4:30p.m. St. Patrick-Providence
- *4:30p.m. St. Louis-Custar
- *10:00p.m. St. Louis-Custar
- *12:00 midnight St. Patrick-Providence

***Sun. December 25, 2016**

- Christmas Morning
- *9:00a.m. St. Patrick-Providence

Sat. December 31, 2016 New Year’s Eve
World Day of Prayer for Peace/Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

- 4:30p.m. St. Patrick-Providence
- 6:00p.m. St. Louis-Custar

Sun. January 1, 2017 New Year’s Day
World Day of Prayer for Peace/Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

- 8:00a.m. St. Patrick-Providence
- 9:30a.m. St. Louis-Custar
- 11:00a.m. St. Patrick-Providence

Cathy’s Joke’s of the Week!!

-At a department store Santa had a small boy ask him for an electric train set. “If you get your train,” Santa told him, “your Dad is going to want to play with it, too. Is that all right?” The boy became very quiet. Santa then asked, “What else would you like?” “Another train,” he quickly replied.

-A pastor, a golfer, and a contractor went deer hunting together. They finally saw a 5-point buck. Each took aim and fired three shots at the same time. The buck dropped dead, and the three men started to discuss who had hit it. As they were arguing, a game warden came along and asked them what the problem was. They told him, and he asked them to stand back, and he would examine the buck to try and figure out which one of the men had killed the buck, based on the bullet hole and the rifles that were used. After only a couple minutes, the game warden told them that the preacher was the one who killed the deer. How had he figured it out so quickly? They asked. “The bullet went in one ear and came out the other ear,” the warden said.