

# St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

DECEMBER 17, 2017  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>

**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**

**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 only for Level 3. This is due to our parishioners/teachers coming 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 at 419-832-5215.

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

## 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.

**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.

**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 Wednesday Parish Youth Group will not meet over the Christmas Break. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Thank You from St. Vincent De Paul:** Thank you to everyone who supported us this year. We serviced 105 local people in rent, electric, heat, water, food and medical. God Bless & Thank You!

**The Parish Office will be Closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have a Blessed Holiday!**

**Thank You to everyone who joined and worked hard to make 2017 Caroling a huge success!**





**Please pray for the following housebound and sick:**

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

\*\* 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!

**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](http://www.heartbeatoftoledo.org).

**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. 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> and the latest would be Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> by Noon. There are NEW mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

**Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms:** Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter. The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419)-214-4880 or by mail at Mr. DiLallo 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

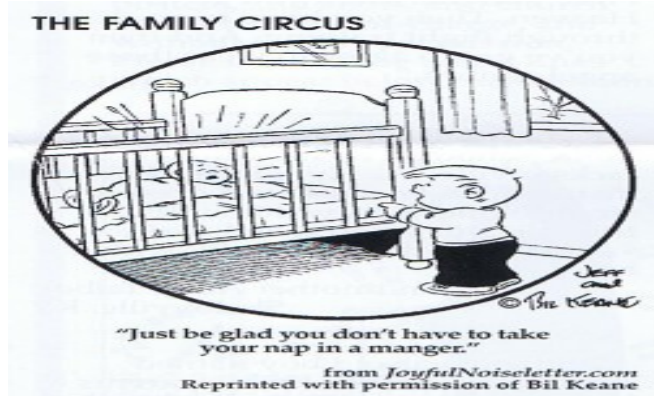
**Family Perspective:** The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

<b>We give what we have been given: Sunday Offertory (12/10/17)</b>	
Offertory Adult Envelopes (96)	\$ 3,843.00
Loose	\$ 457.00
Total	\$ 4,300.00
Votive Candles	\$ 6.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 184.00
Religious Retire	\$ 272.00
Offertory Received to Date (24 wk.)	\$ 96,693.21
Average	\$ 4,028.88

**Helping Hands...In Need:** I can't say when St. Louis Helping Hands was started, but, I'm sure it was around the time when many of the Toledo Diocese churches were first being closed (St. Louis being one of them) They provide several services to those in need. One of those is the 5-day a week lunch-dinner, served from around 10:30 to 12:30. On average, they serve about 200 to 250 patrons, sometimes more. From the get go it has been the policy to encourage any group that wants to assist in the kitchen, the preparation and serving food to the patrons. It was many years ago that St. Patrick's got involved. Those first dedicated parishioners volunteered for years. Then with age and health the transition of the group revolved to what it is today. The purpose of this writing is to encourage the newly retired, those that can take a day off (some companies encourage volunteering), empty nesters, any and all able bodied people that want to fulfill one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy "To feed the Hungry." We serve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. We arrive between 8:30-9:00 and are finished at 12:30. It would be a blessing if enough people responded that we could break into groups of 4 and take turns every month. For now we're hoping to have enough response that we can provide relief to the regulars and when there is a need to fill in for someone. The last lines of our parish vision, which is in the bulletin every week states, "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!" We hope to hear from you. Please contact Gene Heising @ 419-878-4962 or our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215.

**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!

**Cathy's Joke for the Week!**



**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.

**Third Sunday of Advent:** Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

**LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Weekend Liturgies</b>	4:30 p.m.	H. & F. Zbierajewski, S. Sochacki
	8:00 a.m.	RM. Scherzer, P. Weimer, M. Hannewald

<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	4:30 p.m.	T. & R. Shine, C. Lillevik, C. Nelms, C. Balusik
	8:00 a.m.	S. Hannewald, C. Agosti, J. Hahn, B. Weimer, R. Pollock

<b>Servers:</b>	4:30 p.m.	N. Potter, N. Kress
	8:00 a.m.	N. Corpus, RJ Agosti

**Please sign-up for our Christmas Masses on the table**

**located in the Hall! Many hands are needed!**

**LITURGY READINGS FOR DEC. 18-24**

Mon.—Jer. 23:5-8; Matt. 1:18-25  
 Tues.—Jdg. 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk. 1:5-25  
 Wed.—Isa. 7:10-14; Lk. 1:26-38  
 Thurs.—Zeph. 2:8-14; Lk. 1:39-45  
 Fri.—1 Sam. 1:24-28; Lk. 1:46-56  
 Sat.—Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk. 1:57-66  
 Sun.—2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom. 16:25-27;  
 Lk. 1:26-38  
 Sun. Evening-Isa. 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;  
 Matt. 1:1-25

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Liturgies: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mon.	St. Louis	09:15 a.m.
Tue.	St. Patrick	<b>08:00 a.m. Dale Hofbauer</b>
Wed.	St. Louis	09:00 a.m.
Thurs.	St. Patrick	<b>08:00 a.m.</b>

**WEEKEND LITURGIES**

**Weekend Liturgies: Dec. 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sat.	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m. For our Parish
Sun.	St. Patrick	8:00 a.m. Agosti/Lumbrezer
	St. Louis	9:30 a.m.

**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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