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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 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday – Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday – Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
Thursday – 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Friday – Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
Saturday – Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Sunday – Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14



LITURGIES THIS WEEK: (Dec. 20th & Dec. 22nd)

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. 24th & 25th)

Sat.	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m. – (Merlin & Lillian Pollock & Jerry)
Sat.	St. Patrick	12:00 Midnight Christmas Eve Mass!
Sat.	St. Louis	4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Sun.	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m. – (For our Parish) Christmas Day!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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CEMETERY BOARD

Mike Metzger

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 sign up for one of the Christmas liturgies!

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

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 24th & 25th

Christmas Liturgies

Readers:	4:30 p.m.	L. Ellinwood, READER NEEDED!
	Midnight	H. Zbierajewski, T. Thetford
	9:00 a.m.	P. Weimer, R. Scherzer
Ministers of Communion	4:30 p.m.	J. Sattler, N. Bump, C. Kennedy, C. Agosti CUP NEEDED!
	Midnight	B. Kleis, A. Thetford, D. Glenn, A. Coburn, R. Guyer
	9:00 a.m.	K. Hertzfeld, C. Nelms, B. Pollock CUP NEEDED X 2
Servers:	4:30 p.m.	K. Maas, S. Johnson, LEAD NEEDED!
	Midnight	J. & Z. Jones SERVER NEEDED!
	9:00 a.m.	J. Getzinger, SERVERS NEEDED 2!

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

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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 |
| Joe Boyle, Jr. | Sister Carmilia Stinn |
| 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 | **Julie Agosti |
| **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 (12/11/16)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (111)	\$ 4,071.00
Loose	\$ 197.91
Total	\$ 4,268.91
Votive Candles	\$ 39.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 74.00
Magazines	\$ 1.00
Stipends	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 400.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 290.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 610.00
Priest Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
CCHD	\$ 50.00
Offertory Received to Date (24 wk.)	\$ 95,159.10
Average	\$ 3,964.96

From the Otsego Christmas Baskets Committee:

“Thank you to each and everyone who donated to the Otsego Christmas Baskets whether food, toys, warm items or monetary, we were able to help over 100 families this year. The need is great and you were all very generous. May God bless you this Christmas Season as you have blessed others.”

** 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 for Religious Ed:

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!”

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 this weekend Dec. 17-18 or at the latest Tues. Dec. 20. Thank you for helping us feed others.

Thank You for the Elderly Retired Religious Collection

“We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members,” writes a religious brother. Your gift for last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!

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, following the October 2015 on-site audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015, 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, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and to contact Mr. Frank DiLallo, diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419)-243-2150; or to write to Mr. DiLallo at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Campaign 2017

We will kick off our Baby Bottle Campaign the weekend of Jan. 7-8, 2017 and wrap it up on the weekend of Jan. 21-22, 2017. More information will be coming to you as this event gets closer. Please contact Kali Wulff, Development Director at Heartbeat of Toledo 419-241-9131 with any other questions.

Cathy’s Joke of the Week!!

-“If there had been Three Wise Women at Jesus’ birth, they would have asked for directions, gotten there on time, cleaned the stable, helped to deliver the baby, cooked a good meal, and brought some practical gifts.”

(All Jokes from JoyfulNoiseletter.com)

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

Thank you for your contribution for our Christmas Flowers!

Frank & Joanne Johnoff

Tom & Rosie Shine

Roy & Sharon Gonja

William Westhoven

Michael Hannewald

John & Ellie Panning - Barb Heier

Jim & Lucy McCreedy - Jim Winhoven

Brian & Diane Hertzfeld - Jerry Mohler

Daniel & Lydia Ellinwood - Mary Ann Jones

Tony & Wendy Hertzfeld - Tony & Barb Kleis

Bob & Marge Gyurasics - Thomas & Norma Roe

Tony & Rosemary Biesiot - Rosie Cox

Mary Hernadez in Memory of Chalo Hernadez

Dianne Bednarski in Memory of Bob Bednarski

Agosti Family in Memory of Rudy Sr.

Roy & Rosemarie Scherzer in Memory of

the Hofbauer & Scherzer Families

Robert & Mary Shepard - Don & Barb Majewski

Dan & Cindy Balusik in Memory of Frank

Balusik & Gene Williams

Jack & Marilyn Krueger in Memory of

Paul & Laura Krueger &

Clarence & Yvonne Schwab

Robert & Arlene Bialecki - Sue Hannewald

Chuck & Brenda Krukowski - Karl Ott

J.B. & Eleanor Smith - Mary Jo Bryska

Mark & Carol Kennedy - Bob Bowser

John & Dora Feffer

