



St. Patrick Church, Providence

14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT &
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this occasion of the Nativity of our Lord I want to thank every one of you for your valuable contribution toward the St. Patrick Church. I especially want to acknowledge those who put in a lot of volunteer work in the Church. We do not have many people employed on staff. Nevertheless, the work needs to be done and someone does it. It is these generous volunteers who step in time and again to do the needed job. Thank you to all our volunteers. May God Bless your generosity with abundant blessings from above.

I want to wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. May the birth of our Lord fill your lives with peace, joy and happiness. Merry Christmas! God Bless you!

Fr. Walter Tuscano, SAC
Pastor

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.

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.

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

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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

Youth Group: Our Wednesday Parish Youth Group will not meet over the Christmas Break. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th 2018.

QUIET PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is available 40 hours each month beginning with the first Friday of the month (4:00 a.m. Friday – 10:00 p.m. Saturday). This is an excellent opportunity to pray for 1hr in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to listen quietly to God. If you would like to try this ministry please contact Phil Hertzfeld at (419-878-6811, 419-466-2896). **We would like to ask for special prayer in regards to Vocations for Priesthood. Our January Adoration is on the 5th & 6th.**

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.

Thank you for all your contributions for our 2017 Christmas Flowers!

Jim & Lucy McCreedy
Frank & Joanne Johnoff
William Westhoven
Michael Hannewald
Braidia Family – JB & Eleanor Smith
Tony & Barb Kleis – The Mitchell Family
In Memory of Paul & Laura Krueger &
Clarence & Yvonne Schwab
Don Westhoven - Tom & Rosie Shine
Frank & Mary Ann Weasel – Mary Shepard
Clarence & Kathie Hertzfeld – Barb Majewski
Thomas & Norma Roe – Dan & Lana Snider
Nick & Tracy Getzinger – Lydia Ellinwood
Bob & Tammy Pollock – Julie Agosti
In Memory of the Cleo Heising Family
In Memory of Chalo Hernandez
In Memory of The Hofbauer & Scherzer Families
In Memory of Dan Zbinden
In Memory of the Pollock Family
In Memory of the Agosti & Lumbrezer Families
Chuck & Brenda Krukowski – Gyurasics Family
In Memory of Bob Bednarski
In Memory of Frank Balusik & Gene Williams
Robert & Patricia Weimer
Dorothy & Vern Veeder
Marsha & Clayton McCreery
In Memory of Bill Heiman
In Memory of Otto & Theresa Stockner
In Memory of Dale Barnhiser



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

**Ed Bump	**Tony Kleis
**Lillian Mertes	**Dick Mertes
**Bonnie Piasecki	**Don Westhoven
**Rich Piasecki	Trevor
Lela Schulze	Robert Bowman
**Joe Periat	Donna Arp
**Lucy McCreedy	Kim Houseman
**Alma Westhoven	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! Thank You!

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 3rd 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 a sub list. 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit! **Christmas:** For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

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

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!

Family Perspective: (Fourth Sunday)-The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives. (Christmas)-Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at Home!

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

Offertory Adult Envelopes (90)	\$ 3,417.25
Loose	\$ 447.16
Total	\$ 3,864.41
Votive Candles	\$ 12.80
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 82.00
Hall Rental	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 50.00
Religious Retire	\$ 225.00
Offertory Received to Date (25 wk.)	\$ 100,557.62
Average	\$ 4,022.30

Cathy's Joke's for the Week!

-A six-year-old boy playing the innkeeper in a Nativity scene in church felt very bad saying the lines turning the Holy Family away. As they were leaving, the boy exclaimed, "Hey! Wait a minute! You can have my room!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Can't these transform into robots or anything?"
from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 30th & 31st

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	C. Lillevik, M. Gase, J. May
	7:30 a.m.	J. Hahn, M. Hannewald, J. Krueger
	11:30 a.m.	D. Miller, L. Ellinwood, N. Bump
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Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	K. Kessler, N. Athanitis, R. Herndon, P. Hertzfeld, C. Balusik
	7:30 a.m.	M. Wolfram, K. Hertzfeld, P. & S. Maas, RM. Scherzer
	11:30 a.m.	D. Glenn, CH. & C. Stoepfel, W. Wiewiora, L. McCready
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Servers:	4:30 p.m.	R. Kessler, D. Gase, RJ Agosti
	7:30 a.m.	Z. & J. Jones
	11:30 a.m.	J., C. & J. Getzinger

Please sign-up for our Christmas Masses on the table located in the Hall! Many hands are needed!

LITURGY READINGS FOR DEC. 25-31

Mon.—Isa. 52:7-10; Heb. 1:1-6; Jn. 1:1-18
 Tues.—Acts.6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matt. 10:17-22
 Wed.—1 Jn. 1:1-1; Jn. 20:1a, 2-8
 Thurs.—1 Jn. 1:2-2; Matt. 2:13-18
 Fri.—1 Jn. 2:3-11; Lk. 2:22-35
 Sat.—1 Jn. 2:12-17; Lk. 2:36-40
 Sun.—Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Col. 3:12-21; Lk. 2:22-40

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Dec. 26th & 28th -No Weekday Liturgies-

WEEKEND LITURGIES

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Sat. St. Patrick 4:30 p.m. For our Parish
Sun. St. Patrick 7:30 a.m.
 St. Louis 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick 11:30 a.m.
 St. Louis 6:00 p.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

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.

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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