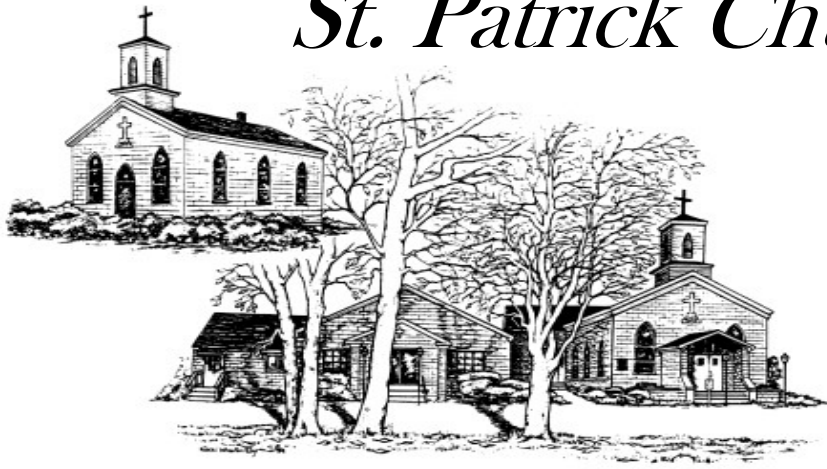


St. Patrick Church, Providence



14010 S. RIVER RD, GRAND RAPIDS, OH

FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation Every Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m. March 2nd 7-8 p.m.

LENT: Good Friday March 30th, we are asked to fast and abstain from meat. Fasting means not to eat between meals and that our two smaller meals must be less than our one main meal. There is a limit of one full meal on these day for all between the ages of 18 & 59 inclusive. This, of course, is excused for medical reasons and another act of sacrifice is to be substituted. All Fridays in Lent, we are asked to abstain from meat totally and this applies to those who have reached their 14th year.

Little Black Books: Our little black Lenten reflection books are available at both entrance ways to church. Pick up a book and enjoy spending a few extra moments with the Lord in prayer.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19th President's Day. Thank You!

Keep the Date March 18 Open: The Sunshine Committee is planning a St. Patrick Day Party. More details to follow. This date is in the process of being double checked due to our Confirmation Retreat. We will have a St. Patrick's Day Party, keep watching for more details!

St. Patrick Youth Group: The Parish Youth Group meets on Wednesday's beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a meal and instructions at 7 p.m. All Jr. High and High School students 8th-12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

Operation Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls are available at the entrance of church to help collect monies for the Catholic Relief Services. It is a good Lenten practice.

St. Patrick's Women's ½ Day Retreat March 10th

Ladies, you are invited to attend a day of prayer & peace @ St. Patrick Church in Grand Rapids on March 10th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will begin the day with a continental breakfast and a hearty lunch will also be provided. We welcome all the ladies of St. Patrick Parish, St. Louis Parish, and any other ladies interested in attending our day of "Renewal". Please join us as we prepare for a Blessed Easter. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall for your convenience or call Cathy in our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215.

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 February desserts must be here by the weekend of Feb. 17th or 18th and the latest would be Tuesday the 20th by Noon. There are NEW mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

Snow Emergencies: If any of our counties (Lucas, Henry, Fulton, or Wood) declare either a Level 2 or 3 we will cancel Mass & R.E. We will attempt to put the cancellation on Channel 11 WTOL and Channel 13 WTVG. However, all the television stations have short staffs on Sunday and so the cancellations may not go up on time for our classes. Any questions call the parish office, 419-832-5215.

Haskins Community Church Pancake Day: Come and have a great breakfast. It includes whole hog sausage, light/fluffy pancakes, applesauce and beverage. Adults-\$8, Children 4-10-\$2, Ages 3 & under eat free.

Family Perspective: Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

**We give what we have been given:
Sunday Offertory (2/11/18)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (64)	\$ 2,280.00
Loose	\$ 309.00
Total	\$ 2,589.00

Votive Candles	\$ 10.85
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 144.88
Stole Fees Funeral	\$ 100.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 25.00

Offertory Received to Date (33 wk.)	\$ 134,201.05
Average	\$ 4,066.69



Please pray for the following housebound and sick:

**Joe Periat	**Bonnie Piasecki
**Ed Bump	**Rich Piasecki
**Janis Wade	**Dick Mertes
**Don Westhoven	**Lillian Mertes
**Alma Westhoven	**Kelly VanOrder
Malory Beasley	Robert Freeworth
**Cindy Brown	Norm Liebrecht
Robert Bowman	Jean Bowman
Jace	Abby

** 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 for that month. You can call our Parish Office @ 419-832-5215 for more details! We also hope that you will utilize the prayer boxes at both of our main entrances to church for any special prayer requests. Thank You!

Fish Fry: Knights of Columbus Council 6373 at St. Aloysius Church 150 S. Enterprise BG, Ohio. All you can eat fish, 2 sides and desert on February 16th, March 2nd and 16th from 4:30-7 p.m. Adults \$9 and Kids \$5.

Fish Fry: Deshler, Immaculate Conception-February 23rd.

St. Louis's Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction: Saddle up and come "Down on the Farm" to the 10th annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction on **Saturday, March 24, 2018**. It will be held at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30. Our farmhand for the evening is auctioneer Steve Powell! Tickets are now available each weekend after Mass or by contacting Jennie Tussing (419)669-7007 or Melissa DeSmith (419)409-0376. They are \$50, which includes a raffle ticket and dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$25. The menu for the evening is Chicken Parmesan, Betty's Salad, Roasted Garlic Mashers, Green Beans, New York Style Cheesecake with berries or Triple Chocolate Cake. A cash bar will also be available. You must be 21 years old to attend the event and need not be present to win. Items you wish to donate to the Silent Auction may be dropped off at the school office during school hours or at the rectory or by contacting Jennie Tussing or Luann Flowers (419)205-8848. We look forward to another successful year, thanks to your support!

North Star Festival: In celebration of Black History Month, St. Marin de Porres Catholic Church presents an evening with the Toledo Symphony Reaching For Our Stars prelude concert to the North Star Series under the direction of Sara Jobin. Sunday, February 25th, 5 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church 1119 W. Bancroft Street Toledo, Ohio. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call today! 419-241-4544.

Thank You: Lots of thanks and God's blessing on those who prepared food, served the food, etc. for the funeral luncheon for Arnold Brown. It was greatly appreciated by Betty and the family and is an important ministry of our parish family in reaching out to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Thanks & Prayers! P.S. those who donated food may pick up their dishes in the parish hall.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA): Support meaningful ministries. We are all children of God, called and challenged to give witness to the Good News. Together we can spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to share in that message through a gift to the appeal, which assists the various diocesan ministries. The weekend of Feb. 10th & 11th is our Commitment Sunday. Please give generously. You will find envelopes at the entrances of church. Thank You!

Black and Indian Mission Collection: Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Heartbeat of Toledo Baby Bottle Collection: St. Patrick's is still collecting the Baby Bottles. The collection boxes are located in the hall and the back of church. So far we have collected 1,233.49 from the baby bottles already returned. Thank you so much for your support of Heartbeat and the work that they do. For more information on Heartbeat call 419-241-9131 or visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.

Baked Steak/Chicken Supper: Join St. Louis on March 3rd between 4:30-8:00 p.m. in their school basement for a delicious meal of baked steak or chicken, along with all the usual side dishes. Carry outs are available.

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent: Mass with the 20th Annual Presentation of the Open Arms Awards honoring Catholics with Disabilities is on Saturday March 3, at 5 p.m. At Saint Michael the Archangel Parish the Principal Celebration is Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo. For more information contact Marsha Rivas @ 419-214-4938 or @ mrivas@toledodiocese.org. See flyer on boards for more details.

The WOMAN GOD Sees Women's Conference: Please join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and his love. At Shiloh Christian Union Church 2100 County Road 5 Delta, Ohio on March 10th, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information please call the Shiloh Church office at 419-822-4261. Our parish office can also get you registration forms if you are interest call 419-832-5215.

Cathy's Joke's for the Week! -Sign's Outside of Church's- "If You Are Praying For Snow Please Stop!" – "Tweet Others As You Would Like To Be Tweeted" – "Be The Kind of Person Your Pet Thinks Your Are!"

First Sunday of Lent: The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources-their selves-at God's service in and through the Church."

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Feb. 24th & 25th

Weekend Liturgies	4:30 p.m.	J. May, M. Gase, C. Balusik
	7:30 a.m.	RM. Scherzer, P. Weimer, J. Krueger
	11:30 a.m.	D. Miller, B. Wilson, N. Bump

Ministers of Communion:	4:30 p.m.	K. Kessler
	7:30 a.m.	S. Hannelwald
	11:30 a.m.	K. Hertzfeld

Servers:	4:30 p.m.	R. Kessler, D. Gase, N. Kress
	7:30 a.m.	K. Maas, M. & J. Sattler
	11:30 a.m.	A. Divis, H. Atkinson, M. Bailey

LITURGY READINGS FOR FEB. 19th-25th

Mon.–Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt. 25:31-46
 Tues.–Isa. 55:10-11; Matt. 6:7-15
 Wed.–Jnh. 3:1-10; Lk. 11:29-32
 Thurs.–1 Pet. 5:1-4; Matt. 16:13-19
 Fri.–Ezk. 18:21-28; Matt. 5:20-26
 Sat.–Deut. 26:16-19; Matt. 5:43-48
 Sun.–Gen. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13; Rom. 8:31b-34; Mrk. 9:2-10

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE Feb. 20th & 22nd

Mon.	St. Louis	No Mass
Tue.	St. Patrick	08:00 a.m.
Wed.	St. Louis	09:00 a.m.
Thurs.	St. Patrick	08:00 a.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES Feb. 24th & 25th

Sat.	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.
Sun.	St. Patrick	7:30 a.m.
	St. Louis	9:30 a.m.
	St. Patrick	11:30 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 Tuscano for an appt. 419-832-2414

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
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