



# St. Patrick Church, Providence

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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.

**March 5, 2017**

**First Sunday of Lent**

## PASTOR

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*C/O Parish Office, 832-5215*

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*Marie Wolfram, 419-419-8185*  
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## PRAYER CIRCLE

## BELL CHOIR

*Karol Westhoven, 533-2281*

## CEMETERY BOARD

*Mike Metzger*

## LITURGY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46  
Tuesday – Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15  
Wednesday – Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32  
Thursday – Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12  
Friday – Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26  
Saturday – Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48  
Sunday – Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

## LITURGIES THIS WEEK: (Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Wed.	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. (No Mass)</b>
Fri.	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. (No Mass)

## WEEKEND LITURGIES: (Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Sat.	St. Louis	6:00 p.m.
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Sun.	St. Louis	9:30 a.m.
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>

## First Sunday of Lent

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

## 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.



**LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Weekend Liturgies</b>	4:30 p.m.	R. & H. Potter, S. Sochacki
	8:00 a.m.	RM. Scherzer, J. Prchlik, J. Krueger
	11:00 a.m.	T. Kleis, B. Wilson, A. Warner

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<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	4:30 p.m.	P. Hertzfeld, C. Kennedy, K. Kessler, C. Lillevik, J. May
	8:00 a.m.	RO. Scherzer, S Suter, C. Tippenhauer, B. & P. Weimer
	11:00 a.m.	B. Kleis, D. Miller, W. Wiewiora, K. & D. Hertzfeld

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<b>Servers:</b>	4:30 p.m.	N. Potter, R. Kessler, N. Kress
	8:00 a.m.	Z. & J. Jones
	11:00 a.m.	A. & N. Nagel, S. Shaffer

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

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| **Patricia Cook        | **Ed Bump              |
| **Marge Hertzfeld      | **Mary Ann Weasel      |
| Marshal Geiselman      | **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        |
| Norm Liebrecht         | Michelle Harting       |
| Robert Bowman          | **Jamee Bernthisel     |
| Joe Boyle, Jr.         | Sister Carmiltia 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       |
| Bea Kovacs             | **Georgia Curtis       |
| Stacey Snyder          | **Bonnie Piasecki      |
| Audrey H.              | **Don Westhoven        |
| Jeannine Garrard       | Lois Plotts            |
| Nick Fall              | Tim Scheer             |
| Summer Johnson         | Gaylene McGrath        |
| Mary Rosa              | **Malory Beasley       |
| Patrick Crottie        | Shannon Jones          |
| Landon Lightle         | Steve & Sue Hurst      |
| **Rosemary Biesoit     | Chris Grunden          |
| **Dick Mertes          | Dave Brennan           |
| Mark Mackowiak         | Claire Zbierajewski    |
| Loretta Murano         | Alvin Oberhaus         |
| Addy Thieman           | Grace Bower            |
| Deb Fox                |                        |

**We give what we have been given:  
Sunday Offertory (2/26/17)**

Offertory Adult Envelopes (107)	\$ 3,395.00
Loose	\$ 418.01
Total	\$ 3,813.01
Votive Candles	\$ 9.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 87.52
Easter Flowers	\$ 420.00
Bulletin Advertisements	\$ 150.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Latin American Collection	\$ 50.00
Offertory Received to Date (35 wk.)	\$ 136,210.63
Average	\$ 3,891.73

**RICE BOWL 2017:** Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United State-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at both entrances of the church. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

**Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence**

On Ash Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. For medical reasons another act of sacrifice can be substituted. All Fridays in Lent, we are asked to abstain from meat totally and this applies to those who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year.

\*\* 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.

**Dispensation from Lenten Abstinence on Friday, 17 March 2017:**

Out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has formally dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Those who choose to partake of meat on that day are encouraged to undertake another penance that day in the form of a corporal or spiritual work of mercy. In this way, a faithful Catholic still keeps the penitential spirit of a Friday in Lent and unites oneself more closely with the suffering Christ and His Church.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

**Pray for our Confirmation Group:** Please keep the following students that will be making their Confirmation on March 11<sup>th</sup> in your prayers.



Trey Battin	Isaac Brewster
Kaden Chamberlain	Ben Gray
Victoria Ellinwood	Joseph Hanthorn
Bryce McClair	Drake McClair
Jason Jones	Noah Tokar
Zach Hebel	Blake Litz

**Pray for Parishioner Lucy Goetz:** She will be confirmed with her class from Lial Catholic School at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and God Bless!

**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 Mar. desserts must be here by the weekend of Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> and the latest would be Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> by Noon. There are NEW mixes, pans, and frosting available on our kitchen counter for your use. Thank You!

**"Pope Francis and the Monarch Butterfly: A Message about God's Creation" The St. Louis Parish Lenten Mission is Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Join us!:** The St. Louis Parish Altar Rosary Society is hosting a Lenten Mission for the entire family. Hal Mann, member of the diocesan task force for Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home and native plant enthusiast, will share the necessity of the Monarch butterfly and the instrumental role this delicate insect plays in our everyday lives. [www.stlouisparishcustar.com](http://www.stlouisparishcustar.com)  
\* Like us on Facebook at St. Louis Parish Custar, OH. All are welcome! Bring the family! Kids' activities! Refreshments!

**FISH FRY:** Knights of Columbus Council 6373 Fish Fry, St. Aloysius Church, 150 S. Enterprise Bowling Green, OH 43402. All you can eat Fish, 2 sides and desert March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30- 7PM--\$9.00 Adult, \$5 Kid 12 and under.

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

-As a courtesy, a pastor took an elderly church member to the local nursing home to seek information about how they determine whether or not an older person should be put in a nursing home. "Well," said the nursing home director, "we fill up a bathtub. Then we offer the person a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," said the elderly visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the administrator, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near a window?"  
-Jokes from JoyfulNoiseletter.com-



Join our  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
at St. Patrick Providence  
**Sunday, March 12, 2017**  
after the 11:00am Mass - in the church hall  
*featuring a Traditional Irish Meal*

Also  
Clown \* Face Painting \* Balloons  
and Magic Show  
50/50 Raffle  
Proceeds to benefit Operation Rice Bowl  
Coordinated by the Sunshine Committee



St. Patrick's  
**Women's Retreat**  
Sat., March 18, 2017  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
to register  
Please use Sign-up sheet in the Hall  
or call the office 419-832-5215

**"Building His Church, Fulfilling His Mission"**

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2017:** Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, Children, seminary students, the sick and aged the needy-they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$10,750.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information about making a gift to the 2017 ACA may be directed to the Catholic Foundation at 419-244-6711 or by email at [aca@toledodiocese.org](mailto:aca@toledodiocese.org). As always, thank you for your continued support!

**Way of the Cross (Stations) & Benediction:**

Stations & Benediction will be celebrated on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick-Providence at 4:00p.m.