



**Join us at
Historic St. Patrick**

**Sunday, December 15, 1:00 pm
Greater Toledo International Youth
Orchestra Christmas Concert
Free Holiday Concert**

**Sunday, December 22, 1:00 pm
Toledo Choral Society
Glorious Light
Free Holiday Concert**

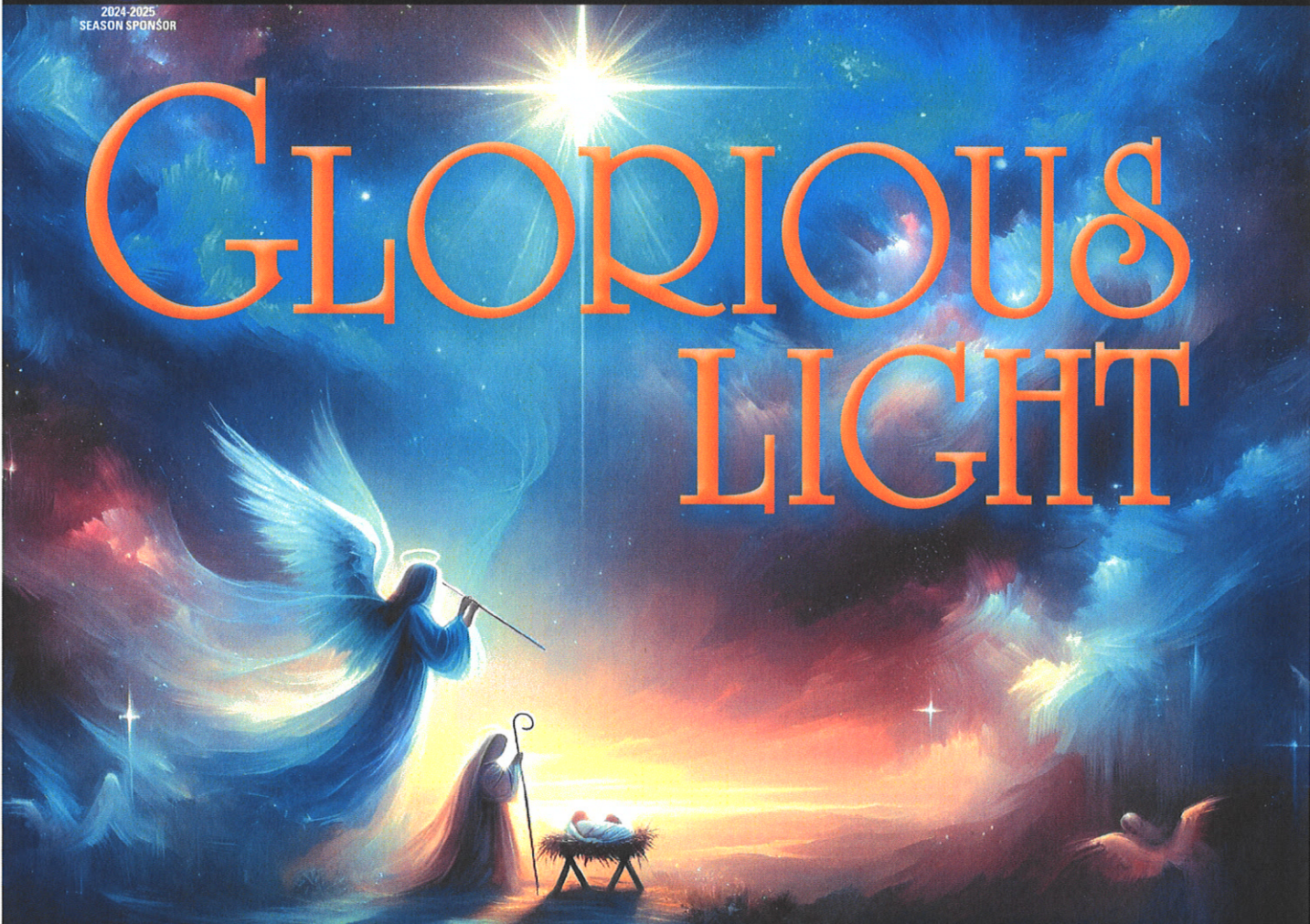
*Merry
Christmas*

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 21	Anointing @ Immaculate	4:00 pm Mass
December 22	Anointing @ St. Patrick	10:00 am Mass
December 22	Anointing @ Immaculate	11:00 am Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	4:00 pm Children's Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick	6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick	11:30 pm Carols/Midnight Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate	12:00 am Midnight Mass
December 25	Christmas Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass
December 31	New Year's Eve @ St. Patrick	5:30 pm Vigil Mass
January 1	New Year's Day @ Immaculate	9:00 am Mass
January 5	Epiphany @ St. Patrick	8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass
January 5	Epiphany @ Immaculate	11:00 am Mass



GLORIOUS LIGHT



Richard Napierala | Conductor

Andreea Lee | Accompanist

**7 PM • SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2024**

**ST. LUKE'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
1690 WEST STERNS ROAD
TEMPERANCE, MI, 48182**

**7 PM • FRIDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2024**

**MAUMEE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
405 SACKETT STREET
MAUMEE, 43537**

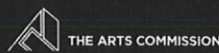
**1 PM • SUNDAY
DECEMBER 22, 2024**

**HISTORIC CHURCH
OF ST. PATRICK
130 AVONDALE AVENUE
TOLEDO, 43604**

FREE Holiday Concert • A Freewill Offering Will be Appreciated

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SCAN FOR EVENTS

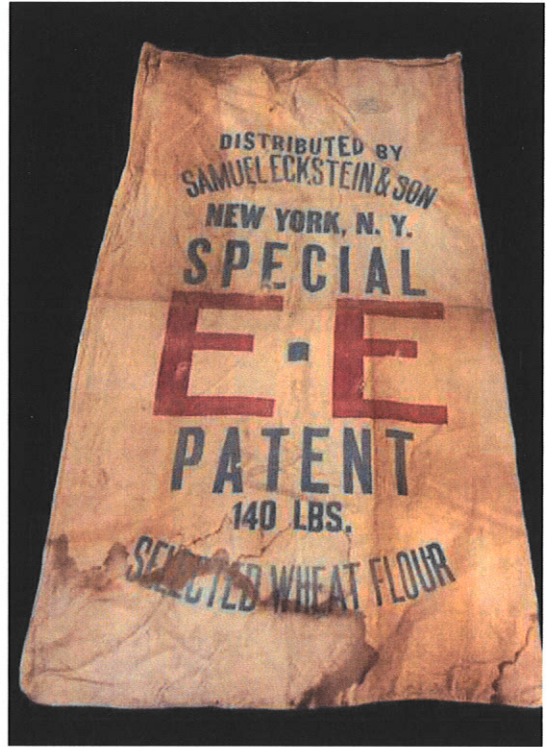


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A Thought on Christmas Charitable Giving

When the parish was founded, Ohio was considered one of the most advanced and prosperous states thanks to the two canals which provided easy access for Ohio's products to access east coast markets. Railroads were rapidly expanding the ability of Ohio to reach a world marketplace. However, Ohio largely remained a frontier territory with vast swaths of land unclaimed.

Many communities had great needs, including parishes, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other eleemosynary organizations. To help raise needed cash these institutions often held a *flour auction*, a tradition dating back to the colonial era. Someone would donate a five- or ten-pound sack of freshly milled flour and all interested parties would gather for the auction. Bidding might go as high as five dollars (\$159.43 in 2024 dollars). As soon as the prize was handed over the buyer would hand it right back and there'd be a second round with the same general result if not the same five dollars. As each buyer returned the sack of flour the high bidder was spending a lot less since by this time the more prosperous families had done their part. When everyone had "bought" the flour the last successful bidder kept it because that person more than likely really needed it. There was no sense of "getting



something on the cheap" or entitlement which led a particular bidder to believe he or she ought to keep the flour. The idea was for the entire community to take part in the fundraising venture.

Today our culture is far more grasping and those who attend silent auctions or assist with other fundraising programs believe they ought to profit from their presence. The result is a relatively weak overall performance as far as raising funds goes. Perhaps what we need is a return to the "good old days" when people had far less but were far more willing to share what they did have without receiving anything in exchange.

As we consider the festive season of Christmas, we ought not forget that the Child whose birth is the centerpiece of the season would grow up to tell his disciples that the widow who offered two small coins gave far more than the wealthy who were offering their excess because she gave all she had. Numerous charities really do need our support and often at this time of year the need increases greatly, especially at food banks and soup kitchens which see an increase in numbers during cold and snowy weather. At the same time, the needs of the parish increase – heating and lighting both rise dramatically as sunset comes earlier – yet the average Sunday offering remains the same. Give thought to what you can do to alleviate the need.

You are invited!



Blessed Carlo Acutis statue dedication

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
at the 9:00 AM Mass
Immaculate Conception Church, Toledo

Please join us as we celebrate the addition of this beautiful piece of art that was designed by the 2024 8th Grade Class of Queen of Apostles. These students undertook to become familiar with the two patrons of the Universal Church's Eucharistic Renewal and immediately were drawn to Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young teen who by the age of fifteen when he died had researched and developed two magnificent poster collections, one focused on the Eucharistic Miracles and another on Mary's numerous apparitions. Wanting to share their interest and love of the Eucharist, the students then began raising funds to design and have fabricated a statue of Blessed Carlo as seen through their eyes. Everything in the photo above was planned by the students as part of the overall image of a young teen who loved Jesus and who enjoyed life.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 22, 2024



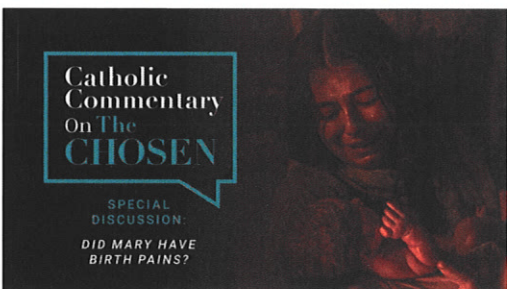
The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band

Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.



Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?

Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.

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