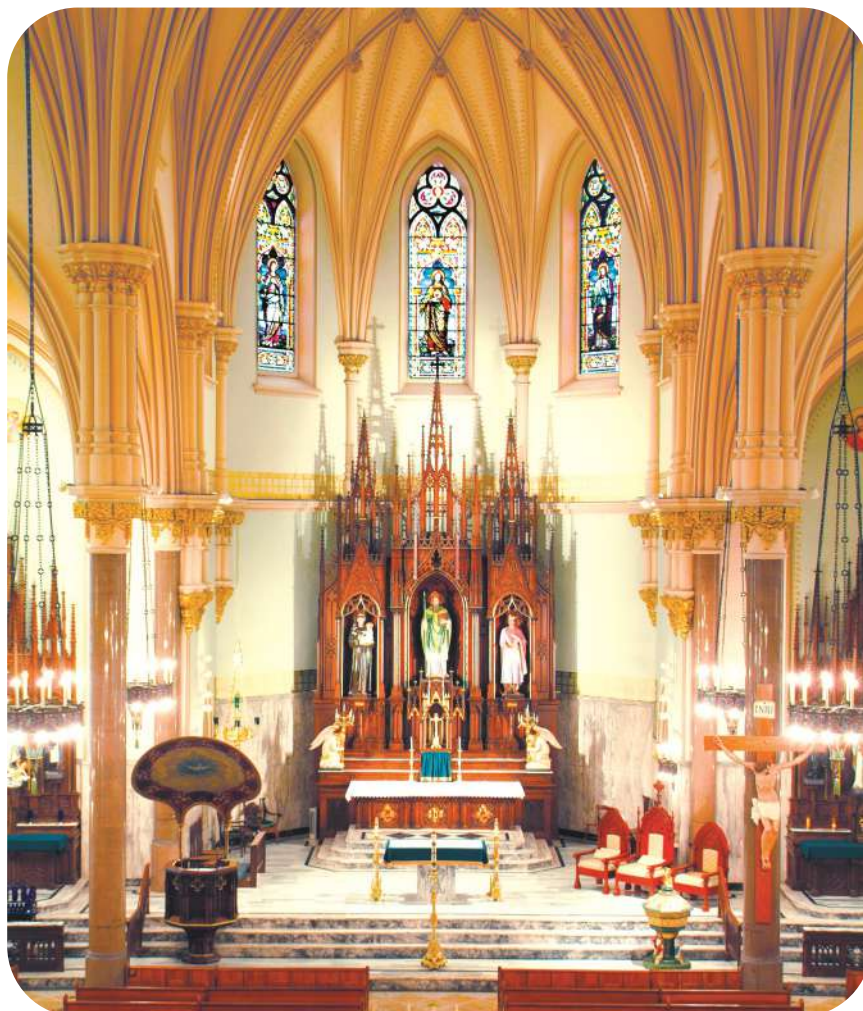


The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Paróiste Ceann Scribe Toledo
Irish Destination Parish in Toledo



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday	4:00 pm @ Immaculate Conception
Sunday	8:00 am @ Historic St. Patrick
Sunday	10:00 am @ Historic St. Patrick (Live Streamed)
Sunday	11:00 am @ Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	9:00 am @ Immaculate Conception
Wednesday	5:30 pm @ Historic St. Patrick (Live Streamed)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A MEMBER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DEANERY

PARISH STAFF FOR ST. PATRICK

Business Manager	Rusty Belcher
Administrative Assistant/Compliance Officer/	
Wedding Coordinator:	Sherri Gaudet
Accountant:	Trish Shaffer
Bookkeeper	Helen Yensz
Parish Musician:	Eric Hite
Choir Director:	Jeff Weiser
Maintenance:	John Williams
.....	Michael Perry Jr.
Custodian:	Charlene Leestma
DeSales Outreach Center:	Sherri Gaudet
Sacristan:	Rosalie Mills
Usher Captain:	Dave Meegan

Dear People of God,

Ah, it's Christmas! Or is it? Yes, the big box stores have been offering us a myriad of decorations, gifts and what not since late August. Yes, most of us put up a tree weeks ago and lit up the yard with all sorts of lights (Did you know that yard lights are as ancient as humanity and arose from our fear of the dark? We don't have much fear anymore, but outdoor decorations are a way of regaining the light that has "disappeared" with the seasonal shift of the sun). Yes, most of us have completed our shopping and wrapped the presents. Yet Christmas does not "happen" until December 25, the day Christianity celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ (Did you know that December 25 is the first day you can tell that there's more light than the day before and Spring is on its way).

For the secular world, where big box stores rely on seasonal sales to shore up annual profits, holidays are anticipated as much as in the Church where Advent is the lead up to Christmas, a time for preparing for the "Big Day." However, for the Church, the arrival of the Holy Day is not the end of the celebration so that we can move on to the next event (heading to NYC for the glittering drop of the New Year's Ball, or Port Clinton for the dropping of the walleye.) Christmas day is only the beginning of the retelling of the first days of Christ's presence among us. As with any of us, Jesus' birth didn't end there but led to other events which for the church conclude with the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan.

Christmas is a time of extraordinary generosity: families often spend inordinate amounts of money for gifts for spouse, children, aunts, uncles, parents, bosses, co-workers, the mail man and then forget the Church which is, as the famous saying goes, "the reason for the season." Most parishes count on Christmas as a particularly generous response in part because so many people who otherwise forget their obligations to the Lord show up for Mass, but also because regular donors do more to give thanks for the blessings of Christ's presence. Unfortunately, today the crowds have dwindled as Christmas becomes increasingly about the Grinch and a straggly Charlie Brown Christmas tree than Christ's Mass which is the fundamental celebration we should be observing.

Over these next few days, pause from the shopping, cookie baking and other preparations in your home and take time to prepare the home of Christ in your soul so that your Christmas might be truly blessed, an event which shines forth in your life in the days to come. And why not skip Christmas day TV broadcasts: the NFL game, the NBA Super Extravaganza, and the bowl games. Instead allow Christmas to truly penetrate your day. May Christmas be a time of blessing for you and yours.

Msgr. Chris



The Celebration of Sacraments

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is regularly celebrated on Sunday during or after the Eucharistic Liturgy. Registered parishioners are asked to arrange for the Baptismal Preparation Class and the Liturgical Celebration by calling the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is the process of growing in your faith and love of God. Weekly gatherings take place from September until Easter. If you are interested in learning about Catholicism and joining us please call Deacon Tom at the rectory.

Penance: The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at IC, 9:30 a.m. at HSP and 10:30 a.m. IC every Sunday or by appointment.

Matrimony: Anyone planning to be married must contact the parish at least six months in advance. The exact date and time of your wedding should not be determined until after consultation with a priest or deacon. If either party has previously been civilly or religiously married, the Presider is not permitted to set a date for the wedding without resolving the previous marriage.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: When a parishioner is admitted to the hospital, nursing home, or confined to home because of age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office. Parishioners are ready to visit and to bring Holy Communion. When one is seriously ill, the healing Presence of the Lord should be requested in the Sacrament of the Sick.

In the event that you are in need of a priest or deacon and there is no one in the office: Please try the emergency number at 419-243-6031 and leave a message with your phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Welcome Visitors



We would like to welcome our visitors to Historic St. Patrick. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 **or fill out the registration forms in the back of church or on the web-site and return to the parish office.**

Historic St. Patrick

Finance Council

Jeff Stephens
Bill Malone
Linda Jennings
John Bachey
Jim Kline
Jeff Kelley
Tom Varga

Pastoral Council

Amy Coronado
Jean Boeding
Jen Czyzewski
Kathy Thompson
Kristine Waslar
Martha Farrell
Marty Lahey
Mary Kay Belcher
Michelle Zuelke
Nancy Rank
Pat Hickey
Pat Thompson



CALENDAR **December 20, 2025—December 28, 2025**



Sat	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
Sun	8:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris/ Jeff Gralak
	Intention	Parishioners of St. Patrick
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Fr. Rudi (Also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
	Intention	Marty Williams Linda Varga Evelyn Farrell Isabel Lopez
	During Mass	Anointing
	After Mass	Clergy Christmas Collection
	2:00 pm	Choral Society Christmas Concert
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris
Tues	9:00 am	CANCELED /Immaculate Conception Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris/Deacon Paul
Wed	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve @ Immaculate Conception Immaculate Conception Children's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul
	12:00 am	Immaculate Conception Midnight Mass/ Fr. Rudi
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve @ St. Patrick's St. Patrick's Christmas Eve Mass/Fr. Rudi Streamed on Parish Facebook Page
	Intention	Pamela Cheney Kreft
	11:30 pm/12:00 am	St. Patrick's Christmas Carols/ Midnight Mass/Msgr. Chris Streamed on Parish Facebook Page
	Intention	Irving Koch & Fleitz Family's

Thur	10:00 am	Christmas Day St. Patrick's Christmas Mass/Msgr. Chris Gerald T. Carter, Sharon L. Carter, Jordan M. Shrewsbury
	7:00—9:00 pm	CANCELED /OCIA @ St. Patrick's/ Deacon Paul
Sat	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul
Sun	8:00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph St. Patrick's Mass (no music) Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul/Jeff Gralak
	Intention	Parishioners of St. Patrick
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris/ Deacon Paul
	Intention	(also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page) Parents of Marty & Mary Helen Williams Shrader, Periat, & Ginter Family's Karen Bates Michael Moran
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi



-----**(Tear Line)**-----



We continue to update/add to our parish data base and e-mail list to help keep parishioners updated on parish events. Several of the e-mails and phone numbers we have are no longer valid. If you would please fill in the information below and put it in the offering basket or e-mail it to sherri@stpatshistoric.org. Thank you!

Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

E-mail _____



WELCOME TO HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—HSP

Dec 21 Donald Andrysek Sr.
Dec 21 Connie Durand
Dec 21 Nancy McGee
Dec 21 Dyana Yardley-Davis
Dec 21 Robin McLoughlin
Dec 21 Eileen Dowling
Dec 21 Jeffrey Gralak
Dec 23 Deborah Bugaj
Dec 24 Joe McMahon
Dec 24 Mike Anderson
Dec 24 Matthew Meyers
Dec 24 McKenzie Michel
Dec 24 Cole Ragan
Dec 25 Charlene Leestma
Dec 25 Angela Kuhn
Dec 26 Mary Helen Williams
Dec 26 Mary Smith
Dec 27 Joan Wiley
Dec 27 Christopher Miller
Dec 27 Ryan Keil
Dec 27 Molly Carroll
Dec 27 John Grady



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—HSP

Dec 22 Donald & Kathleen Hedrick 45 yrs
Dec 22 Matthew & Kristin Koester 25 yrs
Dec 23 Matthew & Tricia Cassidy 53 yrs
Dec 26 Kevin & Janice Lodge 44 yrs
Dec 26 James & Debra Schaefer 44 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED-HSP



Mary Sue Timar, Delany and Gary, Raeanne Williams, Cathleen Leaser, Charlene Leestma, Donald Cousino, Doug Breno, Marie Matuszak, Dawn Hitts, Kathy Hakeos, Rene Cassidy, Andy Irwin, Carole Nemeth, Mary Ann Kline, Ashley Miller, Jeff Gralak, Ken Kropp, Mike Kosinski, John Mohr, Sam Cole, Shanna Crumby, Dona Crumby, Sonny Moore, Perry Moore, Jeff Knight, Dwight Knight, Mike Chiles, Joseph Weiser, Don Brighton, Tammy Allen, Jimmie Bias, Terrie Moore, Pat Tansey, Rod McCarthy, Kelly Mitchell, Carol Erford, Sr. Janelle Brittain, Charlot Best, Jim Jensen, Emily Miller, Helen Alice Jackson, Lee Ann Urbach, Brett Urbach, Deacon Dave Smith, Shelby, Msgr. Chris, Betty Sherman, Ralph Smith, Teri Wagner, Tim Dotson, Bob & Betty Hutson, Andrew Weiser, Colleen McGuire, Raymond Rolak, Sherry Wilcox, Susan Cairl, Patty Cunningham, Sue Smith, Sara & Family, John, Nicholas Clover, Melissa Meyers, Anne Fahle, Jerome Williams, Wyatt Shepherd, Angela Myers, Liz Weiser, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, Michael Moran, Sam Marsico, Jessica Straube, Maurice "Moose" Boeding, Christopher Powell, Zachary Davidson/D. Dave's Grandson, Charles Swoboda, Estella Nino, Ellie Ziegler, Renee Robinson, Betty Frey, Laurie St. John, Steve Kwiatkowski, Kathy Eschenburg, Marian Lowe, Steven Czerniak, Kristin Salazar, Mary Lou Batanian, Gary Lilje, Carol Isabell, Megan Batanian, Matt Rohrs, James Smith, Susan Ludlum, Evie Day, Julie, Frank Ankney, Sarah Rodgers, Bob Zoski, Lupe Garcia, Kitty Burns, Liam Stacey, Cheryl Harwick, Angela Lemble, Madison Sims, Richard Helsenbeck, Jace Stockwell, Joan Wiley, Chuck Hall, Christine Ludlum, Molly Bergin, Laurie Yeager

Please inform the pastoral staff of those in our parish family needing our prayers. Our Hospital Ministry Team is available to visit and distribute communion.

Please pray for the men and women in military service.



Due to a potential threat to families of those in military service resulting from the members' names being publicized through the Internet, we no longer publish the names of men and women in military service. We encourage you to continue to pray for them and to remember all our troops in a special way on Fridays by praying a Rosary for those serving in the military.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 14, 2025



**There is no Financial Report this week
due to Holiday Printing Schedule!**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,576.93	\$ 128,269.39
Actual	\$ 5,538.00	\$ 128,170.54
Elect. Fund Transfer	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Over/(Under)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A



ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH

July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026

Food Pantry—We continue to serve those in need in the community 3 days a week (Monday-Wednesday-Friday).

Soup Kitchen—Continuing to serve meals to the community every Sunday!

<u>Outreach Income:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	\$ N/A	\$ 17,631.00

Thank You!





HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 21 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #887

Acolytes:	Pat Hickey, Logan Hickey, Gary Johnson
Communion:	Dennis Bensch, Diane Pacella, Jeanne Kanary, Judy Schneiderbauer, Kris Waslar, Lisa Kelley, Mary Kay Belcher, Maureen Mohny, Melanie Parton, Nancy Rank
Gifts:	Roger Tharpe, Salena Green
Greeters:	Cookie Westmeyer, Lisa Kelley, Michelle Zuelke, Pat Tansey
Hospitality:	Kris Waslar, Debbie Sadlier, Paula, Nowicki, Robin Lanz
Readers:	Pat Thompson, Susan Fix
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Kanary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Jen Czyzewski

DECEMBER 28 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #894

Acolytes:	Jeff Kelley, Zayne Garcia
Communion:	Carol Shrader, Ellen Melroy, Jim Shrader, Kris Waslar, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Lisa Kelley, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Amy Coronado, Ellen Melroy
Greeters:	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
Readers:	Tom Farrell, Pam Mohler
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbie Sadlier, Michael Ragan, Jeff Figmaka, Roger Tharpe, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Nancy Rank

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec	14	Denver & Dolly Mae Crist
Dec	21	Andrew & Mary Bialy
Dec	24/25	Mary Gertrude Bruening
Dec	28	Available
Jan	4	Available
Jan	11	Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec	21	Available
Dec	28	Michael Moran
Jan	4	Lena & Carl A. Ray
Jan	11	Available



St. Patrick's Food Pantry

We could use:

DEODORANT, TOILET PAPER, BAR SOAP, JUICE, AND CANNED FRUIT

Other needs are tuna, canned meat, peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, and ramen noodles.

Food may be dropped off at anytime at parish office. Thank you!



The HSP Soup Kitchen



Our Soup Kitchen is located at the LMHA Building at the foot of the hill in front of church. We provide meals and clothing to our community in need every Sunday from 11:00 am—1:00 pm.

If you are interested in helping serve meals or hand out clothing please call the parish office.

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Happenings at the Parish!

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency

during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.



Merry Christmas to all at The Historic Church of St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception



Please pray for the Mass intentions this week:



Marty Williams
Linda Varga
Evelyn Farrell
Isabel Lopez

2026 March Calendar Lottery

Tickets will be on sale in the back of church today. Each ticket is a \$10 donation.

Makes a great stocking stuffer or for a gift exchange! Buy one for each of your employees!

All proceeds benefit the Preservation Society.



Christmas Flower Envelopes

Flower envelopes are located in the back of church on a table and will be used for decorating the church during the Christmas season.

Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses

"Sign up sheets"

for ministers are in the back of church.

Please sign up if you are able to minister at the:

6:00 pm Christmas Mass,
12:00 midnight Mass,
10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
at 5:30 pm (Tuesday, Dec. 31)



An easier way to donate

Looking for a simple way to make a donation to the parish? Scan this QR code and go right to the donation page for The Historic Church of Saint Patrick. Open up the camera app on your smartphone. When you focus the camera on the QR Code, your phone will ask if you want to go to our site. Touch the instruction bar at the top/bottom of the photo and it will take you right to the donation page where you will see a yellow donate button. Thank you for supporting our parish and helping us share the Good News!



Clergy Christmas Collection

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, let us show our appreciation for the dedicated service of our clergy members. We are collecting a special monetary gift to bless them during this season. Look for the donation baskets on **December 21**.

Holiday Schedule For the Parish Offices

"Closed"

Monday, December 22
thru
Friday, January 2

We will return on Monday, January 5!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Parish/Community Activities!

Please keep in prayer the fallen First Responders who gave their lives to keep us safe, as well as their grieving families, coworkers, and friends.

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS November 30-December 6, 2025

Jim McCoy Alderson FD, OK
Julius Snyder Camden FD, NJ

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT November 30- December 6, 2025

No fatalities



Spiritual Straw for the Manager

During Advent, please write your spiritual gifts for the infant Jesus on a piece of paper straw.

This can include simple prayers, intentions and deeds of charity and kindness. Paper straw is available in the narthex and will be collected during Mass.

Individuals and families are encouraged to contribute at least one piece of straw each week of Advent.

Advent 2025

The candle of Love (purple)

During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you Jesus. Amen

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Meijer Simply Give— Rossford Store

Sunday, Sept. 28 —Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025

Each Meijer *Simply Give* campaign feeds hungry families by replenishing the shelves of more than 270 food pantries. The program encourages customers to add a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to a local food pantry in the store's community. Cards are located in back of church. **Deacon Tom's Food Pantry** will benefit from donation cards at the **Rossford Meijer** store only. In addition, Meijer will double match all customer cards on **Saturday, December 13**, effectively tripling contributions made on this day. Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer Pickup or Home Delivery can also include *Simply Give* donation cards as an add-on to their orders. Please see Jean Boeding or call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3, Sherri.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Merry
Christmas*

December 20	Anointing @ Immaculate	4:00 pm Mass
December 21	Anointing @ St. Patrick	10:00 am Mass
December 21	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 @ St. Patrick	10:00 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 4	Epiphany @ St. Patrick	8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass
January 4	Epiphany @ Immaculate	11:00 am Mass