

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick

Paróiste Ceann Scribe Toledo
Irish Destination Parish in Toledo



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Deacon: David E. Smith
“Pastoral Emergencies Only 419-243-6031”

Eucharistic 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

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
.....	Jeff Hallock
Custodian:	Charlene Leestma
DeSales Outreach Center:	Sherri Gaudet
Sacristan:	Rosalie Mills
Usher Captain:	Dave Meegan

Dear People of God,

Each year in the month of October, parishes across the United States take an official count of attendance at each Sunday Mass. Here at our parish, we undertake to accurately assess how many people are at Mass and file a form with the Diocese. Numbers are used to assess pastoral assignments and intentional planning for the future but are also sent on to the USCCB where they are examined to learn the demographics of Catholicism across the nation. Those numbers also return to Willard, Ohio, where they are worked into the National Catholic Directory (Kennedy Directory) which lists every diocese and parish, its ministries and staff, schools and students as well as contact numbers.

The Kennedy Directory maintains a computer collection of all the data which can be used to isolate particular groups, ministries, or even regional population shifts from year to year thus enabling dioceses to plan for the future or address glaring problems surfacing in the here and now. From its inception until about 2020, each edition of the Directory was larger than its predecessor. Since then, the editions have been shrinking. That's because all across the United States, the picture of Catholicism has changed, in large part due to a couple of issues affecting membership.

One big reason is that about 80% of baptized Catholics don't follow up and become involved in a parish until (a) they want a wedding in a beautiful church with an elegant aisle, (b) they have a child they want baptized or make first communion, or (c) they die and want a Catholic funeral although today many families who have fallen away don't even want a Catholic funeral for their faithful parents.

There are as many reasons for this as there are Catholics who don't "do" Catholicism but the leading factors are the culture and the remnants of the scandal which rocked the church not that long ago.

Another reason is that many Catholics don't want to get married and if they do, they don't want children. Again, the lead issues are the culture which makes the self the focus, not the larger notion of the human family.

Regardless of the reasons Catholics are falling away, the result is smaller parishes with fewer members doing the mission of Jesus Christ. In many places this leads to shrinking collections and stress on the parish to keep up with maintenance, repairs, insurance and utilities. Bankruptcy doesn't do for the Church anything more than it does for anyone else; consequently, as parishes face the looming prospect of falling into bankruptcy, members tend to abandon ship in search of a more stable setting. The National Catholic Directory is littered with entries that read "Closed, records at. . ." Give that thought as you consider your own involvement here at the parish. Your support is key to fulfilling our mission.

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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: OCIA 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 Paul 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
John Berberich
Linda Jennings
John Bachey
Jeff Kelley
Tom Varga
Grant Gose

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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2026—SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Sat	3:00 pm	St. Patrick's Wedding Earley & Wood/Deacon Nungester
	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/ Fr. Steinbauer
Sun		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:00 am	St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris
	Intention	Karen Bates
	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	Spencer Penland Linda Varga Marty Williams Glenn Ginter Bob & Mary Ann Sadler
	After Mass	Padre Pio Presentation
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Msgr. Chris
Tues	9:10 am	Immaculate Conception/Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
Wed	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's Weekday Mass/Msgr. Chris
	Intention	Parishioners of St. Patrick
	6:30—8:00 pm	Bible Study @ Manhattans

Thur	6:00 pm	Parish Offices Closed/Conference
	7:00—9:00 pm	Holy Smokes OCIA @ St. Patrick's/Deacon Paul
Sat	9:00 am	Memorial Mass/Msgr. Chris
	11:00 am	40th Vow Renewal/Msgr. Chris
	4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass/Msgr. Chris
Sun		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:00 am	St. Patrick's Mass (no music)/Msgr. Chris
	Intention	Lawrence Fleitz Dorothy Mazzei McBride
	9:30 am	St. Patrick's Rosary & Confessions
	10:00 am	St. Patrick's Sunday Mass/Msgr. Chris (also Streamed on Parish Facebook Page)
	Intention	Thomas Bishop Judy Petkee Max Eckel Jean Milligan
	After Mass	Minister Training
	10:30 am	Immaculate Conception Confessions
	11:00 am	Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass/ Fr. Rudi

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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

Sept 20 Page Keinzle
 Sept 20 Grace Nawrocki
 Sept 21 Amy Schnorberger
 Sept 21 Heather Schmidt
 Sept 21 Christine Marker
 Sept 21 Katherine Alexander
 Sept 21 Jim Hendrzak
 Sept 21 Jon Hendrzak
 Sept 22 Patricia Cheney
 Sept 22 Thomas Degnan
 Sept 22 Jeffrey Poole
 Sept 22 Troy Seegert
 Sept 22 Alecia Hawk
 Sept 22 Meg Carroll
 Sept 23 Eric Harrigan
 Sept 24 William Ball
 Sept 24 Sandy Harrigan
 Sept 24 Saeed Aguilar
 Sept 24 Brianna Moulton
 Sept 24 Charlie McElheney
 Sept 25 Ginny Minor
 Sept 25 Julie Welsh
 Sept 25 Anna Farrell
 Sept 26 Larry Minor
 Sept 26 Nicole Ferrara



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept 20 Matthew & Michelle Zuelke 40 yrs
 Sept 21 Thomas & Theresa Wagner 53yrs
 Sept 23 Randy & Stacy Boisselle 26 yrs
 Sept 24 John & Mary Miller 55 yrs
 Sept 24 John & Briuttany Craig 21 yrs
 Sept 25 Scott & Judith Shook 55 yrs
 Sept 25 Jason & Jennifer Wampler 27 yrs



PRAYER IS ANSWERED



Peter Lilje, Eric Rose, Allisa Hinkle, Tom Bialy, Linda Gralak, Doug and Jackie Breno, Rick Cousino, Larry Jacobs, Mary Sue Timar, Delany and Gary, Raeanne Williams, Cathleen Leaser, Charlene Leestma, Donald Cousino, Doug Breno, Dawn Hitts, Kathy Hakeos, Andy Irwin, Mary Ann Kline, Ashley Miller, 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, Charlotte Best, Jim Jensen, Emily Miller, Helen Alice Jackson, Lee Ann Urbach, Brett Urbach, Deacon Dave Smith, Shelby, Msgr. Chris, 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 Ruyf, Joan Pollard, Liz Weiser, Sam & Rose Fleitz, James Kovach, 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

September 13, 2026



	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Goal	\$ 5,769.23	\$ 63,461.53
Actual	\$ 5,208.00	\$ 54,225.10
Electronic Giving	\$ 95.00	\$ 2,395.00
Over/(Under)	(\$ 466.23)	(\$ 6,841.43)
Candles	\$ 140.65	\$ 887.95
Religious Retirement	\$ 5.00	\$ 28.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 8.00	\$ 494.00
Hospitality	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00
Tank Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,264.00
Preservation Restoration	\$ 78.00	\$ 2,994.00
Shamrock Store	\$ 49.00	\$ 840.46
Soup Kitchen	\$ 5.00	\$ 175.00



ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH

July 1, 2026—June 30, 2027

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>
	\$ 141.00	\$ 4,076.00

Thank You!





HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SEPTEMBER 20 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #1020

Acolytes:	Chris Bates, 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:	Cheryl Ragan, Michael Ragan
Greeters:	Cookie Westmeyer, Lisa Kelley, Michelle Zuelke, Pat Tansey
Hospitality:	Ann Figmaka, Debbie Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Therese King
Readers:	Melanie Parton, Philip Vrzal
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Dave Meegan, Debbe Sadlier, Jeff Figmaka, Michael Ragan, Pat Tansey, Roger Tharpe
Children's Liturgy:	Robin Lanz

SEPTEMBER 27 - MINISTER SCHEDULE

Scripture Reading #1023

Acolytes:	Jeff Kelley, Zayne Garcia
Communion:	Charlene Leestma, Gary Johnson, Lisa Kelley, Marie Arter, Michelle Zuelke, Nancy Rank, Paula Nowicki, Sue Smith, Susan Fix, Therese King
Gifts:	Roger Tharpe, Selena Green
Greeters:	Carol Shrader, Jeanne Kanary, Jim Shrader, John Kanary
Hospitality:	Debbe Sadlier, Kris Waslar, Paula Nowicki, Robin Lanz
Readers:	Paula Nowicki, Tom Farrell
Ushers:	Albert Geha, Cookie Westmeyer, Gary Johnson, John Kanary, Larry Minor, Mary Kay Belcher, Melanie Parton, Pat Tansey
Children's Liturgy:	Nancy Rank

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept 20 Available
 Sept 27 Available
 Oct 4 Available
 Oct 11 Available



SANCTUARY LAMP

Sept 20 Available
 Sept 27 Available
 Oct 4 Available
 Oct 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 10:00 am—12:00 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!

Blessing of the Pets

In honor of the St. Francis Assisi's feast day, we will offer a blessing of the pets on **Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 pm** at St. Patrick's.

Please make sure all animals are leashed or in carriers.



We Congratulate

Jonathan Earley
and
Hailey Wood

who were married
September 19, 2026
at the Historic Church of
Saint Patrick



Historic St. Patrick Padre Pio Prayer Group

invites you to "God's Pauper Francis and his Companions"

Presentation on St. Padre Pio & Blessed Solanus Casey
Franciscan Jubilee Year 2026



**Sunday,
September 20, 2026**
11:30 am—12:30 pm at
Historic St. Patrick

Save the Date!

Historic St. Patrick
Brunch/Picnic
New Location—New Theme

Sunday October 11th
Following 10:00 am Mass

The Rectory Lawn



Holey Toledough will
be serving fresh
coffee & handcrafted
donuts!



Perpetuate the Gift Parish Campaign

September 19-20, 2026

As a parish, we have an opportunity to say thank you to these faithful and faith-filled priests who have celebrated Mass, baptized our children, buried our loved ones, and helped us to grow in our faith. The Perpetuate The Gift appeal is an opportunity to support priest retirement. Make your gift in the parish collection or sent to: Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo OH 43697 or at <https://toledodiocese.org/perpetuate-the-gift>.



Please pray for the Mass Intentions:

Spencer Penland
Linda Varga
Marty Williams
Glenn Ginter
Bob & Mary Ann Sadlier
Karen Bates



Parish Offices are closed

on Thursday,
September 24, 2026 for the 2026
Diocesan Pastoral Conference
"Called Forth".



Save the Date!

Holy Smokes

**Thursday,
September 24**
6:00 pm



The Historic Church of St. Patrick's

Parish/Community Activities!

Playful prayer bags for our little worshipers are now available to sign out from the Saint Patrick gift shop. These bags of activities are to be used during Mass and returned after Mass. The activities are not intended for children two years and under. We hope that you as a parent will enjoy the activity quietly with your child in the pew while mass is going on.

Activities are trace the dots follow the numbers to create church images, Jacob's ladder, dress, the deacon, the priest or the bishop, dress the altar, Jesus cards for meditation, tic-tac-toe with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the cross and a Noah's Ark activities toy. There are six bags total.



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

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS September 6-12, 2026

Eric Phillips

Raymond FD, NH

ROLL CALL OF FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT September 6-12, 2026

Terrian Bailey

Claiborne County Sheriff's Depart., MO

Michael Hendricks

Charleston Co. Sheriff's Office, SC



Stay Connected!

Are you receiving our parish emails regarding special announcements, weekly bulletins, and funeral notices? If not, please check your **Spam or Junk folder**. To ensure you never miss an update, **add our email address to your safe senders list (whitelist)!**

Is Liturgical Ministry training for you?

Are you...Currently, a lector, eucharistic minister or acolyte? Interested in serving as a lector, eucharistic minister or acolyte?

Then join us after 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 27, as we walk through the Mass to explain and see the roles of each liturgical ministry. Msgr. Chris will guide us, and experienced ministry volunteers will fill the roles on the altar.



Becoming Catholic - OCIA (Formerly RCIA) Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

**(Sign up sheets and registration forms
are in back of church)**

Are you an adult who needs to complete your sacraments or are interested in joining our Church:

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. OCIA involves teachings, classes, a sponsor, liturgical rites, and, at the end of the process, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. If you're interested in joining OCIA please call the parish office at 419-243-6452, ext. 3 (Sherri).



Now is the time to register your child(ren) for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation classes. We are excited to offer a class for every grade level K-8 (and higher for Confirmation) as long as there is interest.

Classes will be held after 10:00 am Sunday Mass, every other week beginning in early October, date TBD.

Online registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/4BBEg2iUtmfxtGet6>

OR

Scan this QR Code for online registration:

OR

Paper registration forms can be found in the narthex. Please complete the form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket by 8/30/2026 to register your child(ren) for 2026-2027 classes.

