



*A note from the pastor*

Next weekends charitable outreach collection will benefit the Retired Religious communities of the United States. For decades men and women religious taught in our Catholic schools for pennies a day, if that much. As a result, tuition at Catholic schools was minimal (often it was non-existent) because of the dedication of these vowed religious.



Over the last many years, religious vocations have declined and healthcare costs have sky-rocketed. Whereas in days-gone-by the large number of younger religious was able to offset the lower *cost-of-living*, that's all changed. And so we, who have benefited from the ministry of religious brothers and sisters, are asked to *return the favor*, and help them in their old age.

Last year for Christmas St. Pat's, in concert with the Men's Club, passed out the book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. We distributed 250 copies of the book, and for months thereafter I received notes and comments from parishioners about how much they appreciated Matthew Kelly's book.



This years offering from *Dynamic Catholic* is called *Perfectly Yourself*, also by Matthew Kelly. While the book is a good Christmas gift, I think it's an even better Advent gift. Time and again, as I read through the book in September, I kept thinking to myself: *Why wait until Christmas to distribute it? It offers ideal reflections for Advent preparations for Christmas.*

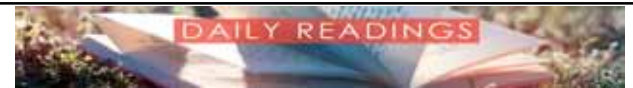
Although the weeks before Christmas are often chaotic, and we feel compelled to buy, wrap, party, bake, clean, etc., I'd encourage you to make the time to journey through *Perfectly Yourself*. If you do, I believe you'll find that your Christmas will be *perfect*, too!

Thank you to everyone who supported their favorite Catholic schools, parishes, ministries, Catholic Charities sites/programs and Catholic nonprofits through #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of *Catholic Giving* that took place last Tuesday. You can view the results for the more than 175 participating organizations online at [weGiveCatholic.org](http://weGiveCatholic.org). Together, the Catholic community across Northeast Ohio came together to share their gifts, and return them with increase to the Lord. Thank you!



Mass Intentions 

- Monday December 4**  
9:00 am..... Andrew Fetchik
- Tuesday, December 5**  
9:00 am..... Honor of St. Jude
- Wednesday, December 6**  
5:15-6:00 pm ..... Rosary  
6:00-7:15pm ..... Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00-7:15 pm ..... Confessions  
7:30 pm..... Nancy Conrad
- Thursday, December 7**  
No 9AM Mass today  
**7:00 pm** (Immaculate Conception Vigil)..... Poor Souls
- Friday, December 8**  
**Immaculate Conception**  
**9:00 am** ..... Leslie Franklin
- Saturday, December 9**  
4:23 pm.....Rosary  
5:00 pm..... Edna Novak
- Sunday, December 10**  
8:30 am..... Philip & Madeline Gauvin  
11:00 am..... Parishioners



**Readings for the Week Of December 3, 2017**

- Sunday Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/  
Mk 1:1-8

The full text of all Mass readings may be found at [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)



St. Patrick Men's Club  
**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

Today (December 3)  
after the 8:30 Mass

Need a restroom? Please use the downstairs facilities—accessible via the south foyer stairwell (or elevator).



# Collection Report

26 November 2017

Sunday Offering.....	\$1,806.00
Designated for Parish Use Only.....	\$1,340.00
Electronic Giving (myEoffering).....	\$150.00
Loose bills/change.....	\$356.00
<b>Total Received.....</b>	<b>\$3,652.00</b>

Thank you for sharing that which God has so generously shared with you!



# CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

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## CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 5 & 10PM  
 Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: 10AM

## NEW YEAR'S:

Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: 5PM

As it is not a Holy Day in 2018, we are only having a Vigil Mass; no Mass on New Year's Day.

The above Christmas schedule will be included the next three bulletins. Please cut each one out, but **do NOT** keep it. Rather hand it to a friend, neighbor, relative, or acquaintance and invite them to join us in celebrating Christ's Incarnation on Christmas.

## Scheduled Parish Events



<b>Monday</b> 12/4	9 am	Daily Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/5	9 am	Daily Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/6	4-5:10 pm	PSR Class (gr. 1-6)
	5:15 pm	Rosary
	6-7:15 pm	Adoration
	6-7:15 pm	Confession
	7:30 pm	Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 12/7	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>NO Daily Mass</b> <b>Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>Friday</b> 12/8	4-4:30 pm	Confession
<b>Saturday</b> 12/9	4:23 pm	Rosary
	5 pm	Mass
	8:30 am	Mass
<b>Sunday</b> 12/10	9:40-10:40 am	PSR Class (gr. 7-12)
	11:00 am	Mass
	1:00 pm	Advent Penance Svc. @Sacred Heart

Before your schedule fills up, make sure to mark our **Advent Communal Penance Service** on your calendar! It'll be held on Sunday afternoon, **December 10th at 1PM AT SACRED HEART Parish in Oberlin.**



Why are we going to Oberlin for our Communal Penance Service? Because Sacred Heart comes to Wellington for their Lenten Penance Service. The penance services are jointly sponsored by both parishes, and we simply alternate between sites in Advent and Lent. Furthermore, with a dwindling number of clergy, it's easier to get additional confessors to come to a single penance service—rather than two separate ones.



Our *Lady of the Immaculate Conception* is the patroness of the United States, and her feast (December 8th—this coming Friday) is **always** a Holy Day of Obligation.



Holy Day Masses will be celebrated:

**THURS, 12/7 at 7PM**  
and  
**FRIDAY, 12/8 at 9AM**

# Immaculate Conception



Notecards featuring our **St. Patrick Statue** (5x7) make great Christmas gifts. They're available in the parish office:

- \$2 each
- \$5 for 4, or
- 10 (or more purchased at the same time) \$1 ea

## Liturgical Ministers - Immaculate Conception

	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	SERVERS
<b>12/7 Vigil 7 PM</b>	Sue Forgacs	Jeff Bartolovich Sheila Holmes Dolly Lee Jay & Julie Maurere	<b>PLEASE WE NEED VOLUNTEERS</b>	Mackenzie Smith
<b>12/8 Holy Day 9 AM</b>	Ellie Pitts	Don & Norma Downs Jane Rowland Jack & Pat Sumpter	Sally Eyestone Vince McMullen Richard Raab Chris Radachi	Ken Raab

Pray the Rosary with us



Wednesday@5:15pm  
&  
Saturday @ 4:23pm