

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office – 440.707.6707

Secretary@SHOJ.cc

Website – www.SHOJ.cc

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	8:45 a.m.
Friday	8:45 a.m.

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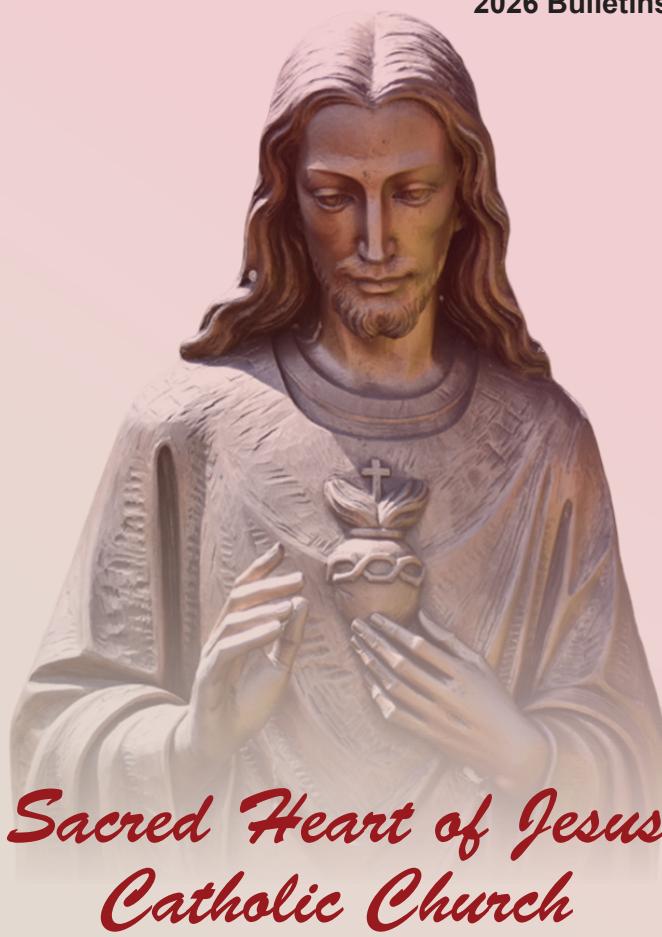
Parish Office – 440.647.4375

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:15 a.m.
Monday	8:45 a.m.
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS****Adoration and Confession:**

Fridays, 7:00-8:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Baptisms: Please contact Fr. Trask at least a month in advance.

Marriage: No date should be set before seeing Fr. Trask at least six months before the desired date.

Funerals: Please contact the Parish Office prior to any public notification being made.

Homebound: If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish School of Religion: PSR is offered September-May.

Grades K-9 – Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Grades 1-6 – Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Grades 7-9 – Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): The process for becoming a Roman Catholic for adults who have not been baptized or have been baptized in a different faith tradition. For more information, contact Fr. Trask.

Please use these extensions when calling either parish:

Parish Secretary.....	0
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Fr. David Trask (440.987.9873)	OR 3
Custodian	4
Director of Music Ministry.....	5
Director of Religious Education	6
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We continue through these early days of the New Year with the Feast of the Epiphany; Jesus is revealed to-and-for the entire world and the whole of creation.

The word "January" comes from the name of the Roman god, Janus. His statue had two faces: one that looked backward and the other forward. The Romans believed that this was the appropriate time to give thanks for what had passed and to be hopeful for what lies ahead. We keep this ancient tradition alive when we let go of the old year and make new year resolutions. For what am I thankful from last year? Am I beginning this new year with faith, hope and optimism?

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany, we recall that Jesus is born for everyone and the whole universe. The word "Epiphany" means to show or to reveal; the curtain is pulled back and all is now revealed to us. God is not distant, silent or remote. God is with us personally in the very person of Jesus. When Jesus speaks, we hear God speaking; when we see the face of Jesus, as the Magi did, it is into God's eyes that we are looking. No one is outside the loving gaze and tender embrace of God through the person and presence of Jesus.

Beginning something new can fill us with anxiety, especially a new year. We don't know what will happen to us or what lies ahead of us. But we are not on our own; God is with us. There is the modern parable about the woman who was worried about the new year. She prayed to God saying, *"Lord, give me a light so that I can find my way as this year starts."* There was silence. Then she heard God say, *"No, I will not give you a light. You take my hand and we will walk into the new year together."* We are not on our own as we continue this new year.

The Nativity and the Epiphany call us to remember and celebrate the deep mystery and reality that God is with us in the most personal and intimate way possible. To repeat, God is now no longer distant, remote or silent. St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians reminds us of this and encourages us with these profound words;

The secret is that that Christ is in you. Christ is in you and in me!

When the shepherds looked at Jesus, they saw someone like themselves who later said, *I am the Good Shepherd*. When these visitors from East offered their gifts, they too saw one like themselves, who later said, Yes, I am King. Take some time these days to look into the crib; who and what do you see? Do you see yourself in this child's face? Do you see someone that is just like you?

As Pope St. Leo the Great reminds us: *O Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you now share.*



Both parishes will be emailing **2025 Contribution Statements** this month. If you recently changed your email address, please send a quick email to the secretary, so that we can make sure we have the updated address. If you aren't sure we have the correct email for you, feel free to email the secretary anyway.

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Mass Intention Book for 2026

Mass Intentions for the Calendar Year 2026 are now being accepted. Besides having a Mass remembrance for a deceased loved one, Masses can be intended for the living. Birthdays and anniversaries are special days that can be remembered with a Mass Intention. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please call the office or stop by to schedule Masses.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to our generous parishioners who baked for our Borromeo/St. Mary's seminarians. The car was filled, backseat, trunk and floor, with an amazing variety of cookies -- certainly enough to carry them through exam week and for desserts when they return after Christmas break. On our arrival at Wickliffe, we were helped with the unloading by the head cook as well as by the rector and were grateful for their time and kindness. Please know your efforts are very sincerely appreciated.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Helping Hands food pantry in 2025. Your support with food donations, monetary donations or volunteering at the food pantry is greatly appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers for the Third Saturday of the month and the Tuesday following the Third Saturday. We gladly accept the help of teen, too. Should you be interested in volunteering please contact the church office to leave your name and phone number. Thank you again for your support.

HELPING HANDS



The pantry is open to residents in the 44090 Zip Code and ALL St. Patrick Parishioners. Income restrictions apply.

**Sat., January 17th 10 am -1 pm
Tues., January 20th 6-8 pm**

Thank you for your generosity.
39 families were served in December.



Items needed for OBERLIN COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Canned Meat: Beef, Chicken, Tuna, Sardines
- Pasta Rice Cereal Nuts Beans
- Soap Toothpaste Baby Formula
- Diapers (all sizes) Laundry Detergent

Donated items may be placed in the green bin
in the back of Sacred Heart Church.
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Mass Intentions

for the week

Monday, January 5

8:45 am... at SP..... George & Anna Mycek

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am... Nativity of the BVM S. Amherst

9:00 am... Our Lady Queen of Peace .Grafton

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 pm . at St. Patrick Jan Margreta

Thursday, January 8

10:00 am....at Sacred Heart..... Bill Hurlbut

Friday, January 9

8:45 am....at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm....at Sacred Heart Parishioners

6:00 pm . at St. Patrick Jeff Marsh

Sunday, January 11

8:15 am . at St. Patrick..... Parishioners

10:30 am....at Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sunday, January 18th,
after the 10:30 am Mass
at Sacred Heart.
Please join us.



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Spend some quiet time with the Lord

January 4 — January 10, 2026

Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

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adult. The gospels are not recorded history; they're not a running detailed history of the life of Jesus. It was once said that the difference between the Christian and Jewish mind is that we ask whether or not something actually happened, the Jewish People ask, what does it mean?

So for us who are Christian, what does the baptism of Jesus mean for us today? The word 'baptism' means to immerse or to wash. The sacred ritual of 'baptism' has existed in many religious beliefs for countless centuries. It requires that the person go down into water; to be totally immersed, to be washed and cleansed in order to become a new person. This was also a part of the Jewish culture to which Jesus belonged.

When Jesus is baptized by John, the voice of God is heard to say: *'This is My Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'*

In a way this begins Jesus' public ministry. This lets us know who Jesus is and from where He comes. His baptism publicly confirms His intimate and personal relationship with God. He is in God and God is in Him. He is not here by or for Himself; He has been sent by His Father. He is here to proclaim the Kingdom of God, not His own.

Through our own baptism, we too are connected to Jesus and to His Father. When we were baptized, whether as a child or an adult, we became members of God's royal family. We became sons and daughters of the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Through our baptism we are immersed in God, we are cleansed and we become a new creation. It is through the sacrament of baptism that our deepest nobility and dignity come.

Through our baptism, God says to each of us personally, *I call you by your name, you are Mine, do not be afraid; you are precious to Me and I love you.* (Isaiah. 43.1). As Jesus' unique relationship with His Father is confirmed through His baptism, so too our relationship with Jesus is established through our baptism. As God loves Jesus, so too Jesus loves each of us; *'As the Father loves Me, so*



It may seem a bit unusual that, just after celebrating His birth as a child, we now suddenly jump to marking the baptism of Jesus as an

I love you; abide in My love.' (John. 15.9)

Take a moment today to remember and appreciate your own baptism through which you became a son or daughter of God. In silence, hear these words spoken to and about you;

'You are My beloved, with whom I well pleased.'

Are you looking to get out of the house a bit on the weekends? We're in search of two-to-four individuals who would be interested in bringing communion to Catholic patients at Mercy Hospital in Oberlin on weekends. Depending on the number of volunteers, the commitment could be one-to-two times a month on either a Saturday or a Sunday—at a time of your choosing.

The requirements for being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at the hospital is the same as for being an EMHC at Mass: a person who is practicing their faith, has received their Confirmation, and who (if married) is married in the Catholic Church. Additional requirements of Mercy Health is that you'll need to get a TB test, show that you've had your flu vaccination, and participate in a volunteer orientation.

To express interest, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Trask at 440.987.9873.



Attention, all who have participated in Discovering Christ or Following Christ! If you have been missing the friendly warmth and fellowship of your small group, there's good news! Sharing Christ, part III of this ChristLife series, will begin Monday evening, February 23, and you can register for it now. Either find the form on our parish website and complete it, or, later this week, pick up and fill out a paper registration form from the church bulletin board. Don't miss this new adventure in faith! In two weeks, anyone in the parish will be able to register for this program. Total registration will be limited to 60 people.

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We are a little late this year but every year around the Christmas season, Sacred Heart creates a layette for the Baby Jesus to honor His birth. It is made up of baby's apparel from new born to 6 months. You may donate new or like new (gently used) baby's clothes of all kinds and accessories. Please have your donations in by January 25th. At St. Patrick, please place your donations in the chapel by the Helping Hands bins and for Sacred Heart, donations may be placed by the candles in the rear of the church. Your donations will be given to Birthright. Thank you.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements were emailed out this past week. Please check your email. If it is not there, check your spam folder before contacting the office. If you still do not have it, please email the office and we will send your contribution statement. For those who do not use email or would prefer to pick up your statement, call the office. As always, if you would like it mailed to you, place a self addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and we will mail it to you.

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Monday, January 12

8:45 am .at St. PatrickParishioners

Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am .Nativity of the BVM...S. Amherst

9:00 am .Our Lady Queen of PeaceGrafton

Wednesday, January 14

6:30 pm .at St. PatrickParishioners

Thursday, January 15

8:45 am....at Sacred Heart Dorothy Hill

Friday, January 16

8:45 am....at Sacred Heart.....Parishioners

Saturday, January 17

4:00 pm....at Sacred Heart.....Parishioners

6:00 pm .at St. Patrick Daniel Plas

Sunday, January 18

8:15 am . at St. Patrick Parishioners

10:30 am....at Sacred Heart... Martin Fitch



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Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

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