



THE BREASTPLATE

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UZCHARIST AT THE IRISH FESTIVAL!

Sunday, August 2nd
at 10:30 AM

Only 8am Worship at
St. Patrick's that Sunday.



School Supply Drive

One of our Social Justice initiatives is to Adopt a School. We've adopted Buckeye Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year. Our first initiative is a school supply drive for Buckeye Middle School August 2nd - 16th. There will be a collection bin in the hallway starting August 1st.

These are the things they've requested:

- Pencils
- 3 ring binders
- Pens
- Folders with holes
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper
- Notebooks
- Binder tabs
- Expo markers
- Pencil pouch with holes

Click [here](#) to view the amazon wishlist of all the school supplies requested. Feel free to bring additional school supplies, but these are the most needed items. Please reach out to Denise at denisebirkhoff@gmail.com with questions.



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A Season of Growth, A Steady Mission

If you've been at St. Patrick's any Sunday this summer, you've probably noticed something: the place is buzzing. We have a new roof overhead, a solar panel fundraiser underway to make our building more sustainable for decades to come, and plans in motion to motorize our front doors and add an elevator so that everyone, regardless of mobility, can move freely through our building. These aren't small projects, and they represent a real investment by this congregation in our future together.

And it isn't only the building that's growing. This summer's Vacation Bible School was fantastic — full of laughter, learning, and the kind of joyful chaos that reminds us why we do this work. A group of our kids spent a week at camp at Procter, coming home tired, sunburned, and full of stories about the faith and friendships they found there. And this month we welcomed a new face to our staff: Rev. Stefi Baiju has joined us as our new associate, and we are thrilled to have her here as we begin this next chapter together.

With so much changing at once — new roof, new ministries, a new colleague — it would be easy to feel like St. Patrick's itself is becoming something different. It isn't. Through all of it, we remain devoted to exactly the same mission and vision that have guided us all along. Our mission is simple: St. Patrick's welcomes and includes you on the journey of Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. And our vision is just as clear: St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith through worship, outreach, education, and friendship.

As the vestry, Rev. Stefi, and I turn our attention to the beginning of the program year, it's this mission and vision we're keeping front and center — not as a slogan on a slideshow, but as the lens through which we're planning everything ahead of us. You'll see it at the backpack blessing, as we send our students back to school with prayer and support. You'll see it at the ministry fair, where you can find your place among our many ways of serving and connecting. You'll see it in our next welcome class and liturgy, as we invite newcomers to join this journey of faith. You'll see it in our Adopt-a-School school supplies drive, as we care for our neighbors' children. And you'll see it at the pet blessing, in our observance of the Season of Creation, and in our fall pledge drive, as we ask this community to invest again in the ministry we share.

None of these are new ideas — they're the same mission and vision we've always held, lived out in the particular shape of this coming year. So to every ministry leader and every member of this congregation: as we move into the program year, keep that mission and vision front and center. Let it shape how you lead, how you serve, and how you welcome. Everything else — the roof, the solar panels, the elevator, the new faces — is in service of that same, unchanging call: to welcome, to include, and to joyfully grow together in Christ.

God's Peace,
Fr. Jason Emerson

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

Dear St. Patrick's Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is a joy and a blessing to introduce myself as your new Associate Rector for Formation and Welcome. I officially joined St. Patrick's on July 8, 2026, and these first few weeks have already been filled with God's grace. From celebrating my first two Sundays with you to sharing in the joy and energy of Vacation Bible School, I have experienced the warmth, hospitality, and vibrant spirit of this parish. Thank you for welcoming me so generously.

Before coming to St. Patrick's, I served as Associate Rector at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville, Illinois. I now make my home in Bexley, Ohio, with my husband, the Rev. Dr. Baiju Markose, who serves as Associate Dean at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. We are blessed with two wonderful children, Prarthana Anna Markose and Dhyan Joe Markose. Their names come from Sanskrit: Prarthana means "prayer," and Dhyan means "meditation" beautiful reminders that our lives are rooted in prayer and meditation. They also go by their middle names, Anna and Joe.

Originally from South India, where I completed my schooling and undergraduate studies, I earned my Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, completed Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at University of Chicago Medicine, and later earned a Diploma in Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. I was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 2025, in the Diocese of Chicago. After serving in Illinois, God has now led me to Ohio, and I am grateful to begin this new chapter with the St. Patrick's family.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers during this discernment process. Throughout that journey, I experienced God's faithfulness in many ways, and I truly believe your prayers were part of that blessing. Thank you for surrounding my family and me with such love and support. I also want to offer my special thanks to Fr. Jason, our Rector, for his warm welcome, encouragement, and faithful support as I begin this new ministry.

As Associate Rector for Formation and Welcome, I have the privilege of walking alongside our ministries with children, youth, and adults, while also supporting our Welcome Ministry, including our greeters and Bread Ministry. During these first months, I am listening, learning, and leaning into the wonderful ministries and people who make St. Patrick's such a thriving parish. I look forward to working alongside Fr. Jason, our dedicated staff, faithful volunteers, and each of you as together we continue to grow in faith, discipleship, and hospitality.

Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we settle into this new community. It is an honor to serve among you, and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead.

May God continue to bless St. Patrick's as we grow together in Christ's love and share that love with our community.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Stefi Baiju

Associate Rector for Formation and Welcome

Back-to-School Backpack Blessing

It's that wonderful time of the year when our children prepare to return to school! Join us for our Backpack Blessing on Sunday, August 16, during the 9:30 a.m. service as we pray for our students, teachers, and all who are part of our school communities.

Children are invited to bring their school backpacks, and teachers, administrators, and anyone who works in a school setting are invited to bring their work tote bags to receive a special blessing. Together, we will celebrate the beginning of a new school year and ask God's guidance, wisdom, and protection for the journey ahead.



Children's Formation Returns!!

For all our school-aged kids, we are SO excited to welcome you back for Godly Play beginning 9/13! This is offered for our 9:30 AM service. We can't do it without the help of our adult and rising youth/teen volunteers. So, get your SafeChurch training completed and sign up at the link below to help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith! THANK YOU!! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4AA9A722A75-64844331-20262027>

Please reach out to Jessica Randolph if you have any questions at all!
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Arts & Crafts Market Call for Vendors & Donors

Summertime is a great time to work on those artistic craft projects and exercise your creative skills. At the same time, why not plan to contribute to our fall Arts & Crafts Market on Friday & Saturday, November 20th and 21st. Vendors rent a table and sell their work. Donors do not pay for space, and they contribute all proceeds to the charitable causes. (Some artists do both.).

Friday, November 20 will be a preview evening for our parishioners, families, and friends. Saturday, November 21 is the main sale and is open to everyone.

This year we are raising funds for Nursing Scholarships for Choloteca and for the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund. All members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church are given first priority to participate as vendors. Friends and community artists are welcome to apply as well. Please help spread the word and put this event on your calendars.

[Click here](#) for the application OR pick one up from the church office.

Please consider participating and celebrating the creativity of our parish family and wider community.

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Ladies, here are 2 save the date notices for your calendar. September 3-5 is the woman's retreat at Procter and October 24th is our own St Patrick's women's retreat, to be lead by The Rev Cameron O'Riley. Stay tuned for upcoming details. !!



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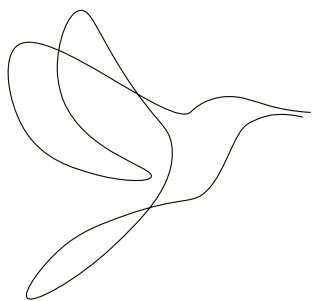


Ministry Leadership Collaboration Meeting

Calling all ministry leaders! Please mark your calendar and join us on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm for ministry collaboration! We will discuss the upcoming program year, ministry fair, changes in programming for '26-27, budgeting and ways we can collaborate to help make all of our ministries stronger and more vibrant this year. A meal of salads and bread will be provided. Please RSVP to Lucas in the Parish Office by Monday, August 3rd.

Ministry Fair!

Attention Ministry Leaders!!!! Our annual **Ministry Fair** will be held August 30th after both 8am & 9:30am services. The ministry fair is an opportunity to showcase what your ministry does throughout the program year. The current trifold display boards will be available at the Ministry Collaboration meeting Aug. 11th. Please plan to update your display boards to welcome and encourage folks to participate in your ministries. Please contact Lucas in the Parish Office with questions.



Staff Retreat & Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 14th to allow our Staff an opportunity for an off-site, day retreat. The time together will be filled with prayer, reflection, fellowship, food and planning, for the coming year of collaborative ministry at St. Patrick's. Please take a moment on the 14th and offer a prayer for our staff.

Fairwell St. Patrick's

Beloved community of St. Patrick's, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as minister of communications, effective July 31st. These 3 years serving alongside you all has been a wonderful and meaningful part of my ministry. I am so grateful for you and your support, prayers, and love on this journey. I wish the best to all the staff, vestry, leaders, and congregants of St. Patrick's. Blessings to you all.

Kati Glover



Grief Support

Grief Support gathering will be Monday, August 17th at 6:30PM in St. Patrick's library, facilitated by Angel Cinco and Becky Stains. Please consider joining us if you have lost your spouse or another significant member of your family for love, support, and understanding as we travel together this road called grief. We have added a zoom link and will use the OWL if you wish to join us by zoom. Please let Becky know you want to zoom and she will send the link. Also contact Becky if you would like transportation to our gathering. Please contact Angel Cinco or Becky Stains with questions.

Calling All Would-Be Acolytes!

Did you know that the word acolyte means "one who assists", and acolytes were one of the highest forms of lay ministry in the early church? At St. Patrick's, acolytes are critical leaders in the church service, and they assist in carrying the processional cross and torches, lighting and extinguishing altar candles, helping with the offering and communion, and many other ways.

At St. Patrick's, being an acolyte is open to everyone regardless of your age. For younger people starting in 5th grade, they will be trained as torchbearers, and then can progress to crucifers. If you are an adult and are interested in being an acolyte, we would love to have you join our ranks as well!

We will be having our next acolyte training session starting at 11am on Sunday September 13th. If you would like to learn more about being an acolyte, or are already an acolyte and would like to be trained in a new role or if you would just like a refresher, please plan to join us in the sanctuary. The training session will last for approximately 1 hour.

If you would like to join our ranks but aren't available on September 13th, please let Father Jason or me know and we can set up a 1-on-1 training session at your convenience.

I hope to see you there!

In Christ,
Matt Lewis

August Birthdays

Cindy Adair	Brenda Eddy	Val Lawrensen
Kathryn Allen	Conley Emory	Teri Leitwein
Stefi Baiju	Jackie Faulkenberry	Matt Lewis
Kellan Behrens	Richard Gehman	Michele Miller
Rowan Bethune	Val Geisler	Sommer Rogowski
Wesley Boettcher	Kati Glover	Lisa Schmidt
Hal Bradley	Claire Haney	Neal Seaborn
Catherine Bratton	John Hilt	Quinn Seaborn
Josh Breece	Everett Hoseus	Marc Smith
Chuck Darrah	Glenda Johnson	Bunny Usselman
Mabel Dawson	Wolf Lant	John Wood

August Anniversaries

Russ & Pam Austin	Wolf & Susan Lant
John & Laura Barna	Roger & Bobbi Sell
Hal & Mary Bradley	Tom & Ann Semans
Bob & Glenna Butler	Rick & Tasia Sicker
Josh & Lindsay Dawson	Heather & Rolf Stottmann
Roger & Jackie Faulkenberry	Lon & Marke Vickers
Mike & Charlotte Guastella	Bernadette & Jim Westman
Scott & Sarah Immell	John & Susan Wood
Mat & Emily LaMonica	

Boy Scout Troop 299

This summer, Troop 299 packed up their camping gear and headed to the hills of Pennsylvania for a week of Scout Camp at Camp Conestoga. This is an annual trip to an area the scouts know well. Nestled in the Laurel Highlands near the town of Somerset, Camp Conestoga is a Troop favorite.

Their campsite is in the woods adjacent to a beautiful lake where they enjoy waterfront activities like small boat sailing, kayaking, canoeing, fishing and swimming. The Camp's dense forest is a wonderland for hiking, exploring, and learning about the woodland ecology. There are many other activities too from zip lining to all of the merit badge classes that are offered on site.

Next summer, the troop plans to return to the Northern Woods in the Boundary Waters along the Minnesota-Canadian boarder where they will canoe and camp for a week as they portage from lake to lake.

For more information about the Troop, contact Jim Bratton.



Wellness Words

Wow! Where did the summer go? It's time to get everyone ready for going back to school and the restarting of programs. During this time, the question of appropriate and safe immunizations is one that often comes up nowadays. There are lots of changes in immunization schedules and with them, many myths and downright scare tactics that are viral on the internet. Even usually trusted resources like the CDC schedules have engendered debate and questions on an international scale.

The Therapeutic Research Center is a research-based guide for clinicians that presents trusted, nonpartisan, and accurate information. Here are suggestions from their latest vaccine adherence publication. They recommend the websites cited below and you can go to any of them for current information.

Be sure to keep track of the immunizations that you and your family have had. For instance, CVS will give you a list of all the immunizations and the dates if you have had the shots there. Your Primary Care provider should also have a record. Remember that children and adults need immunizations as they grow. You can also go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-schedule/child-easyread.html> for the current recommendations. Be aware that they have changed and are different than the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics. That one is found at: AAP.org/immunizationsSchedule.

Adults also have recommendations for immunizations and it's important to have those up to date especially if you are around youngsters or people who are immunocompromised. The American Academy of Family Practice has recommendations for all age groups: <https://www.aafp.org/clinical-insights/immunizations-and-vaccines/immunizations-schedules-resources>

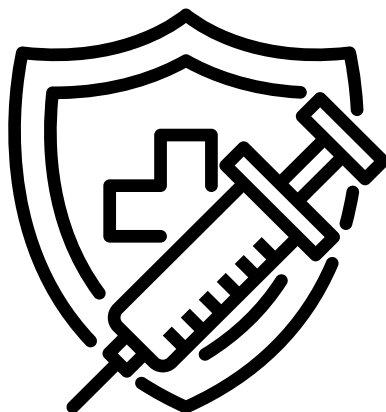
All of us need a flu shot every year- no you can't get the flu from the vaccine. A COVID shot is also important. There are possible side effects, but they are usually minor and over quickly.

If you are reluctant to get immunizations and have read the posts on the web, please be sure to talk to a reputable provider about your concerns. Lissa or Rose are also happy to talk with you about concerns to help you with your decision making.

Get the truth about the vaccines, don't believe the myths. Remember that AI is not always reliable for healthcare information

Stay Safe and Well!!

Lissa and Rose



THE RECTOR, VESTRY & WARDENS OF ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH		
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Blair McGinnis, Junior Warden	Eryn Kindelin	Kelsey Sicker
Angel Cinco	Nick Machesky	

Grace Notes The New Program Year begins!

Summertime, when the livin' is easy.

Great song, though hardly based in reality. Summertime is usually every bit as busy and hectic as the regular program year, just in a different way. The program year is often a welcome return to normal. But “normal” sometimes becomes “static” or “boring.” How do you avoid that?

Shake up your “normal” this program year! Add more music to your life. Listening to music has been shown to be beneficial for physical, mental, and spiritual health. And making music has even more benefits; you probably know the quote, slightly adjusted here, “those who sing pray twice.” In addition, joining a musical ensemble involves preparation and working as a team to present an offering to God. Music ministers to the people who present it, and the people who receive it.

So, I invite you to take the plunge and join one of our music ensembles this fall. The Handbell Ensemble meets to rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30 in the sanctuary. The Adult choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 in the basement choir room. If you have any questions, check Realm for phone and email, or see me after church.

Jennifer Bell

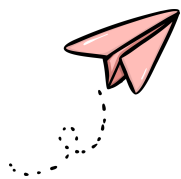


Parish Office Volunteer Opportunity

Beginning August 1st, we are looking for willing volunteers, for our Parish Office, to offer one day weekly, from 10am-1pm. Our office is open Monday - Friday. Duties will include answering the phone, greeting visitors, and light office work (adjusted according to interest/skill). Basic computer skills would be helpful but are not necessary. If you are interested in offering your friendly presence and helping hands to the people of St. Patrick's, please contact Lucas Weiss, Parish Administrator at 614-766-2664 or administrator@pats-dublin.org.

Spiritual Direction

The Spiritual Direction small group will resume our Wednesday weekly meetings on September 9th. We will use the book Theo of Golden by Allen Levi as a starting point for our discussion. We meet from 10:15 to Noonish via zoom. Contact Tawnya Lewis or the church office for the link. All are welcome to attend!



August Calendar



Sunday, August 2nd

8AM Holy Eucharist
10:30AM Irish Festival
U2Charist

Monday, August 3rd

6PM AA Meeting
7PM EfM Survivors

Tuesday, August 4th

7AM Men's Group
at First Watch
1PM Newcomers Team Meeting
5PM Yoga

Wednesday, August 5th

10AM St. Arbuck's
10AM Staff Meeting
10AM Men's Group
12PM Holy Eucharist
12:30PM Chicken Salad
for the Soul
6:30PM Social Justice
Team Meeting

Thursday, August 6th

10AM LITDS

Sunday, August 9th

8AM Holy Eucharist
9:30AM Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 10th

6PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th

7AM Men's Group
5PM Yoga
6PM Ministry Collaboration

Wednesday, August 12th

10AM St. Arbuck's
10AM Staff Meeting
10AM Men's Group
12PM Holy Eucharist
7PM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, August 13th

10AM C.A.T.C.H. Court
10AM LITDS

Friday, August 14th

Parish Office Closed
9AM Staff Retreat (Off Site)

Sunday, August 16th

Backpack Blessing
8AM Holy Eucharist
9:30AM Holy Eucharist
10:45AM Youth Group
Parent Meeting
11AM Stephen Ministry

Monday, August 17th

6PM AA Meeting
6:30PM Grief Support

Tuesday, August 18th

7AM Men's Group
5PM Yoga

Wednesday, August 19th

10AM St. Arbuck's
10AM Staff Meeting
10AM Men's Group
12PM Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 20th

10AM LITDS
3:30PM Friends of the Homeless

Sunday, August 23rd

8AM Holy Eucharist
9:30AM Holy Eucharist
10:45AM Godly Play Training

Monday, August 24th

6PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 25th

7AM Men's Group
1PM Sacred Circle 4
5PM Yoga

Wednesday, August 26th

10AM St. Arbuck's
10AM Staff Meeting
10AM Men's Group
12PM Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 27th

10AM LITDS

Sunday, August 30th

Ministry Fair (after worship)
8AM Holy Eucharist
9AM Ministry Fair
9:30AM Holy Eucharist
10:45AM Ministry Fair

Monday, August 31st

6PM AA Meeting





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