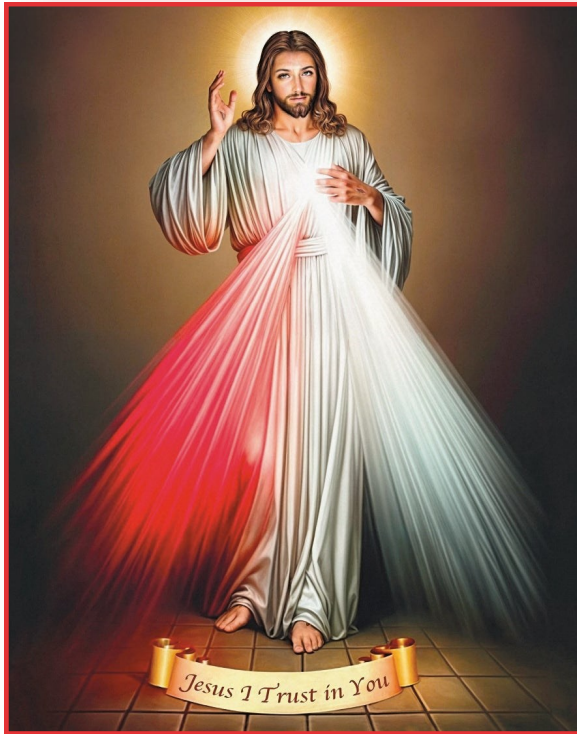


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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - 12:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - 8:00 a.m.
THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 8:00 a.m.
SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.



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Mass Intentions

- 04/11 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Orval Eickholt
- 04/12 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Ralph & Irene Miller, Jim & Nancy
Spencer, Sue Logan
- 04/13 (Monday) No Mass
- 04/14 (Tuesday)
12:00 p.m. Nub Boecker
- 04/15 (Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. Dick & Helen Koester
- 04/16 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Ambros, Lorretta & Dan Ricker
- 04/17 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Joan Turnwald
- 04/18 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Deceased members of Peter &
Patricia Clementz Family
- 04/19 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Lynn Beining-Cramer

Next Weekend's Readings - April 18-19, 2026

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

WEDDING BANNS III:

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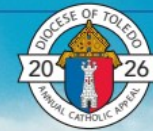
MASS INTENTIONS

We will begin receiving intentions for 2027
Masses on May 4, 2026.

Parish Job Opening: Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian

We are currently seeking a dependable and self-motivated individual to serve as a part-time Maintenance/Custodian for the parish grounds & center. This position is essential in helping us maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our parishioners and guests. Flexible hours; schedule to be determined. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Brian Wenzlick** for his dedicated service to our parish. We are deeply thankful for the care and commitment he has shown in his work. As he steps away to focus on his health, we keep him in our prayers, asking God to grant him strength, healing, and peace during this time.



HOPE In Action

GOAL REACHED!!!



Congratulations! We reached our ACA parish goal and more for 2026! A sincere thank you!

Last year, we also exceeded our 2025 parish goal and received a rebate of 50% of the amount raised over our goal, which was \$3,357.58. Our parish's participation in this growing spirit of generosity is a true sign of the vitality and mission of the Church. If you have yet to give, please consider doing so...it all goes to good causes!

Parish Job Opening: Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education

We are also seeking a faith-filled and organized individual to serve as a part-time Coordinator of Religious Ed. This role is a vital ministry dedicated to forming our youth and supporting families in their journey of faith, along with some adult faith formation.

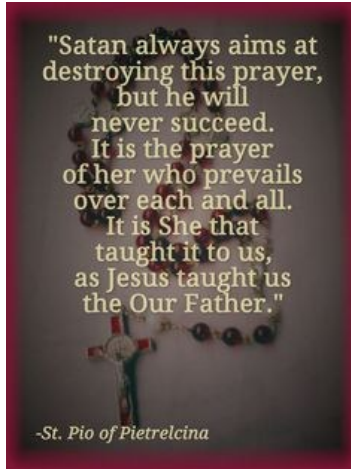
We also extend our sincere gratitude to **Shelly Eickholt** for her dedicated and passionate service as our CRE. Shelly has been a tremendous blessing to our parish, sharing her gifts in forming our young disciples and helping run & teach the OCIA program. As she steps away from this role to embrace her vocation as a stay-at-home wife and mother, we offer our heartfelt prayers for her and her family. May God continue to bless her with joy, peace, and grace in this new chapter, and may He reward her for the beautiful impact she has made on our parish community.

Praying of the Rosary
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

April 11th
Sara Beining

April 18th
Deb Burgei

April 25th
Peggy Pohlman



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of Mar. 28-29, 2026

- Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,269.25
- Loose Cash—\$ 1,397.00
- Parish Center—\$ 121.00
- Energy—\$ 110.00
- Easter—\$ 200.00
- Catholic Relief Services—\$ 20.00
- Holy Land Good Friday—\$ 100.00
- March Online Giving—\$ 1,901.83
- March EFT—\$ 8,140.00

For the week of April 4-5, 2026

- Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,097.00
- Easter—\$ 12,360.00
- Good Friday/Holy Land—\$ 965.00
- Parish Center—\$ 427.00
- Religious Education—\$ 250.00
- Catholic Home Mission Appeal—\$ 20.00
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SERVERS

April 18 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Carlie Bellman, Nathan & Olivia Eickholt
April 19 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Renae Boecker, Ella Crossgrove, Natalie Wehri

LECTORS

April 18 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Theresa Von Sossan
April 19 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Stephanie Maye

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

April 18 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Makayla Unterbrink Host Handicapped/Choir: Judy (Frank) Eickholt Cup-Mary's Side: Kim Wannemacher Cup-Joseph's Side: Theodore Herman
April 19 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Julie Nussbaum Host Handicapped/Choir: Megan Wehri Cup-Mary's Side: Sarah Zeller Cup-Joseph's Side: Jim Hoersten

USHERS

April 18 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Daniel Bendele, Joel Edelbrock, Matt Eickholt, Steve Beining
April 19 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Kyla Ellerbrock, Dan Honigford, Dennis Nussbaum, Jerry Turnwald

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

April 18 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Peter & Patricia Clementz Family
April 19 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Volunteers

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

April 13	(Mon)	Melissa Hilvers
April 14	(Tues)	Marcy Hoehn
April 15	(Wed)	Barb Hoersten
April 16	(Thur)	Carol Hoersten
April 17	(Fri)	Mary Lou Hoersten
April 18	(Sat)	Lois Hoersten
April 19	(Sun)	Jody Hoersten



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of April 12: Dawn Schnipke
 Weeks of April 19, 26: Kay Langhals

MONEY COUNTERS FOR APRIL

Ceil Eickholt, Viv Langhals, Janice Wannemacher



Are you needing some help? Y.E.S. Job Sites

The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's Parish in Ft. Jennings and involves high school youth and adults **helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do.** The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. **On June 5th & 6th, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery would love to help you!** If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835 or in the Parish Office. Deadline to submit a request is May 24th.

Y.E.S. Project Donations needed

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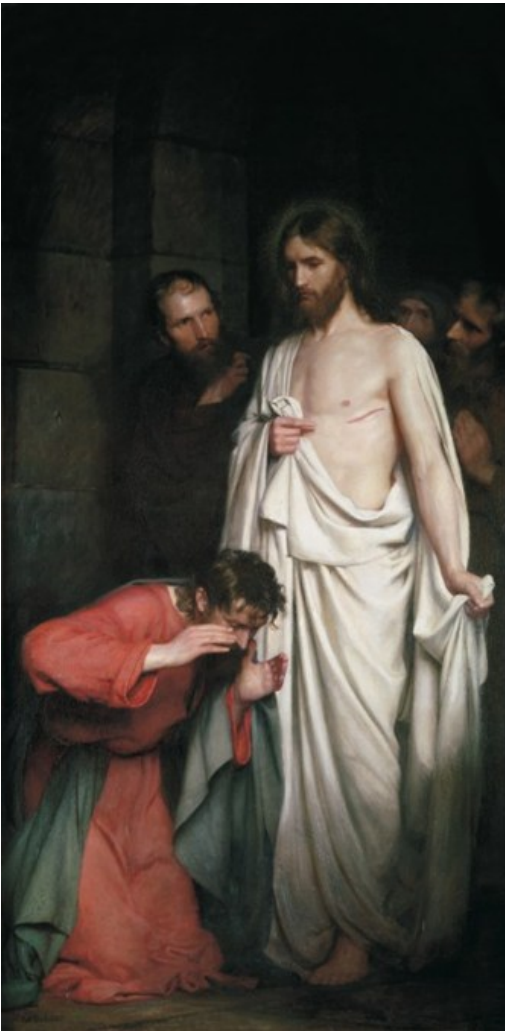
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Divine Mercy Sunday

Hello Friends,

Happy Easter and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Today, on the Octave Day of Easter, the Catholic Church also emphasizes a devotion born in the 20th Century (with roots dating back even further) that was near and dear to the heart of the pope who designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II named this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday as a way to promote pious devotion and for the Church to collectively and individually pray for the Lord's Mercy.

Why this Sunday? Much of it has to do with today's Gospel. This weekend, we'll hear about the famous "Doubting Thomas." Thomas was an "in-between" kind of Apostle. He was not one of the top leaders of the group, yet he was not as silent as some. Thomas had his outspoken moments, including declaring that he (and the others) should follow and die with Jesus if necessary (the Lazarus story). And we often hear the name of Thomas at our funeral Masses, for he said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?" In other words, Thomas was not afraid to speak up, and Jesus more than once, directly responded to him.



This weekend, he earns the name "Doubting Thomas," a name posterity has given him. While the other Apostles and the women were rejoicing at having seen the Risen Lord, Thomas felt left behind. That is a bad feeling for any of us. Yet, as always, Jesus had a plan. Jesus did not (and still doesn't) give us everything we want right away. All His work is part of a bigger plan for us. In the Gospels, you notice that the timing for His miracles was to prove the even larger points He wanted to make. In this instance, He allowed Thomas to stew on resentment and doubt. Feeling resentful was Thomas' choice (and perhaps his nature), no one forced him to feel like that (although he may have thought that the others were gloating). When Jesus came, even though the doors were locked, He came for Thomas. This is an amazing moment of mercy. Jesus did not come to condemn him, but to give Thomas the chance he wanted. It also reflects Jesus' ability to hear us, always. Jesus invites Thomas to touch him if that will satisfy him but Thomas no longer feels the need. He's humbled, and he cries: "My Lord and my God." And Jesus, made His point to those of us who desire to see before believing: "Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Jesus coming to us, in our pain and our human weaknesses, makes this Octave Day of Easter a fitting landing spot for the Divine Mercy devotion. "Jesus, I Trust in You" is the prayer most directly associated with Divine Mercy. We also pray, "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." This is a prayer we offer on behalf of all souls. The prayer is also offered for the atonement of sins. While

Easter Sunday is a kind of soaking in and celebrating the Lord's Resurrection, this Sunday, while still a celebration, reminds us to get active again in our prayer life. Spiritual work never stops!

Blessings as we continue the Easter Season! Thank you to everyone who attended all of the Holy Week liturgies and thanks to all who worked and decorated. It was a great week! You have likely heard in the national news that Catholic Mass attendance significantly increased this Easter and so did the reception of new Catholics in the Church! This is a great sign! Happy Easter Season! —Fr. George Mahas—

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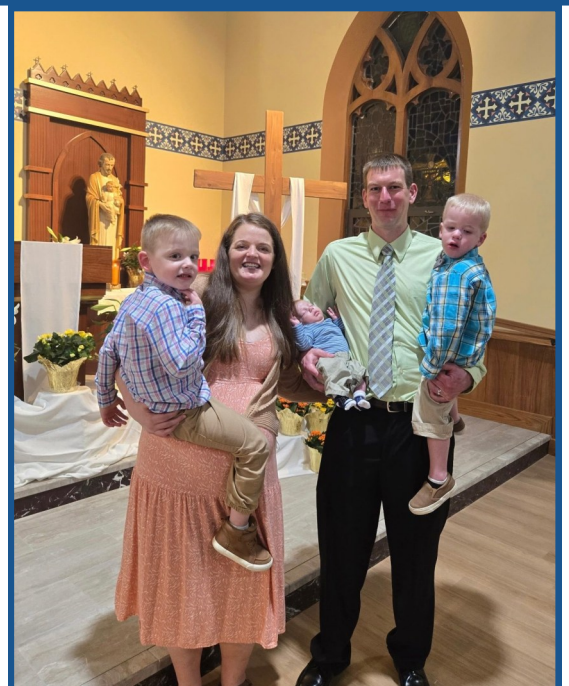
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Glory to God! A huge welcome and congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates! Emily Donlin and Brittany Hoersten were welcomed into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil Mass and received the three Sacraments of Initiation. Also, Meghan Warnecke and MaKenna Klausing, received the fullness of the faith by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. What a joyous occasion! Continued prayers as they continue to grow in faith.



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The Knights of Columbus sponsored Easter Egg Hunt happened just before the rain storm hit on Saturday. The three Ottoville Bank fifty dollar bill winners were Camden Markward and Lana Looser and Kaylynn Ardner! Congratulations! Thank you to the KofC, the volunteer egg stuffers, for the candy donations, and to everyone for coming out!



Putnam County Council on Aging April Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
4-1-2026	Bingocize	10:00am	Putnam County Council on Aging, Ottawa
4-2-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
4-6-2026	Exploring AI Together	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Ottawa
4-7-2026	Medicare and Medicaid Updates	1:00pm	Fogle Center, Leipsic
4-14-2026	Graze and Gather	1:00pm	United Methodist Church, Continental (Northside)
4-16-2026	Planters and Friends	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida
4-22-2026	Strong Bones Today	1:30pm	Community Center, Vaughnsville
4-28-2026	Euchre	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida
4-30-2026	Spring Fling Party	10:00am	Arthur-Lugibihl Community Center, Pandora

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