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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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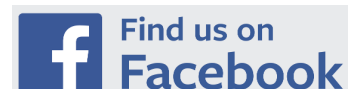
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BULLETIN ARTICLES SHOULD
BE SUBMITTED BY **10:00 A.M.**
ON WEDNESDAY.





Mass Intentions

- 04/25 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Richard Meyer
- 04/26 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the KofC
- 04/27 (Monday) No Mass
- 04/28 (Tuesday)
12:00 p.m. Elmer & Armella Martz
- 04/29 (Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. Walter Hoehn
- 04/30 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Donald "Tiner" Altenburger
- 05/01 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Walter Brickner
- 05/02 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Joe & Cookie Kaverman
- 05/03 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Gerald & Carol, Jennifer and Randy Honigford

Next Weekend's Readings - May 2-3, 2026

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

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



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

In loving memory of

Bob & Arlene Bendele

WEDDING BANNSI:

Emily Landin &
Luke Slavik



CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptism on April 26
Brooks Hoersten
Parents: Kyle & Brittany Hoersten

Note from the Pastor:

This past March, Diocesan representatives met with local Parish Councils and staffs in the western part of our Putnam County St. George Deanery in regard to the Diocesan initiative called Intentional Planning. This was a timely issue due to the unexpected loss of priests in the Diocese. The rearrangement of parish cohorts was discussed. In April, due to the sufficient availability of priests (and other factors), it was decided by the Bishop and the Priest Personnel Board to maintain the status quo. Fort Jennings will have their own pastor (we welcome in advance Fr. Tony Vera to the deanery!) Also, the Ottoville and Cloverdale and Kalida and Continental arrangements will be unchanged. At St. Barbara, one of the concerns (about a change, specifically, St. Barbara becoming part of a Tri-Parishes arrangement with Kalida and Continental) was the possible separation of the youth (who attend Ottoville Schools) from the Religious Education and cultural life of Ottoville and Immaculate Conception Parish. Maintaining the current twin easily keeps St. Barbara youth with their peers and within Immaculate Conception and Ottoville programs and schedules. Wednesday night 6:30 Religious Education at I.C. is a perfect fit for (Ottoville Schools) St. Barbara families. It is especially fitting for students who finish their sports activities at Ottoville Schools (or at IC Parish Center Gym) on Wednesday evenings and who are also involved in Youth Group and/or HS CYO Basketball. Also, St. Barbara has become an early morning Mass option (Sunday 8am) for Immaculate Conception parishioners. This helps maintain St. Barbara weekend Mass attendance. There was speculation about the future of these parish arrangements and priest assignments; as I mentioned to a few people, nothing is official until the bishop makes it so. Thank you to everyone for their prayers.

And in other news, **we will have a seminarian here at Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara in June. His name is Derek Swartzlander.** He is from Bluffton and he is completing his first year in seminary (his Propaedeutic Year at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati). More details to come! Welcome to Seminarian Derek! —Fr. George Mahas—

A SPECIAL OFFERING OF ADORATION

Tues, April 28 6:30-7:30pm

The Welcome Weekend **Women** are hosting this Holy Hour as a special invitation for all women of the parish to come together in prayer and reflection. Take this time to step away from the busyness of daily life, be renewed in God's presence, and grow in faith alongside other women in our community.



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

May 2nd
 Sara Beining

May 9th
 Art & Bernice Schnipke

May 16th
 Sara (Kevin) Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of April 11-12, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,790.00
 Loose Cash—\$ 1,062.38
 Easter—\$ 840.00
 Parish Center—\$ 330.00

For the week of April 18-19, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,565.00
 Loose Cash—\$ 1,549.00
 Easter—\$ 600.00
 Energy—\$ 500.00
 Parish Center—\$ 105.00
 Church Repair—\$ 20.00
 Catholic Home Mission—\$ 1.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Job Openings:

- Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian
- Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education

If you or someone you know may be interested or would like more information on either position, please contact the parish office at 419-453-3513 or at icoffice@icchurchottoville.org.



KNIGHTS NEWS

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 Ottoville, Ohio

MEETING DATES:

2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:

\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, April 22, 2026:
 #843 – Amy Beining, Ottoville

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MINISTERS OF MASS

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please do your best to find a replacement.

SERVERS

May 2 (Saturday) 4:00 pm Sydney Koester, Brooklyn Koester, Leanna Schnipke

May 3 (Sunday) 10:30 am Claire Burnett, Audrey Kaverman, Cruse Schroeder

LECTORS

May 2 (Saturday) 4:00 pm Jill Wenzlick

May 3 (Sunday) 10:30 am Rochelle Trenkamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 2 (Saturday) 4:00 pm
 Host Front/Center: Sara Beining
 Host Handicapped/Choir: Angie Birkemeier
 Cup-Mary's Side: Brielin Birkemeier
 Cup-Joseph's Side: Anne Hemker

May 3 (Sunday) 10:30 am
 Host Front/Center: Kay Langhals
 Host Handicapped/Choir: Erica Brickner
 Cup-Mary's Side: Sheila Miller
 Cup-Joseph's Side: Julie Schimmoeller

USHERS

May 2 (Saturday) 4:00 pm Randy Altenburger, Tim Eickholt, Jerry Kaverman, Jackson Sehlhorst

May 3 (Sunday) 10:30 am Larry Beining, Riley Geise, Tom Markward, Gene Turnwald

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

May 2 (Saturday) 4:00 pm Family of Joe & Cookie Kaverman

May 3 (Sunday) 10:30 am Family of Gerald, Carol, Jennifer, and Randy Honigford

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

April 27 (Mon) Kim Hohlbein
April 28 (Tues) Jean Hohlbein
April 29 (Wed) Krista Hoersten
April 30 (Thur) Jill (Mike) Hohlbein
May 01 (Fri)
May 02 (Sat)
May 03 (Sun)



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of April 26: Kay Langhals
 Weeks of May 3 & 10: Tammy Saxton

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MAY

Cindy Knippen, Ruth Honigford, Dawn Schnipke



Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

The 2026 Y.E.S. project will be held at Fort Jennings High School this year beginning Thursday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. **Students incoming grade 7 through outgoing seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat.** This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery and have some great fun, grow in faith, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community! This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Registration forms are available from Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835 or the Parish Office and are due by May 22! Bring your friends because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

Y.E.S. – TEAM LEADERS Needed

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 4-6 starting at Fort Jennings High School and working throughout the St George Deanery! Adult team leaders and assistant leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of today! For questions or to sign up as a team leader, please contact Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835. Please answer His call today because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VBS 2026

Monday, July 20th – Thursday, July 23rd
6:00pm – 8:30pm

ALL children; ages 4 (by July 1 & must be potty trained) thru age 11 (or current 5th grade)

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026

Sign Up Today!

Scan to register online

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hello Friends,

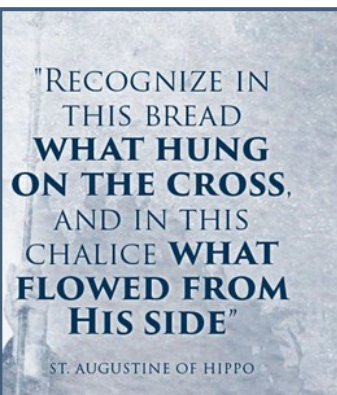
This weekend we celebrate First Holy Communion for our 2nd Grade students. Thank you to Ms. Sara Beining and her helpers for teaching the students and preparing them for this very holy and happy day.

First Communion is one of the most memorable days in our lives. Think back, hopefully it was a happy day for you. At Immaculate Conception in the Parish Museum (upstairs in our Parish Center), we have a collection of First Communion group photos dating back decades! Some of our current 2nd Graders are continuing a great tradition established by their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents! This is most certainly what makes Putnam County Parishes extra special. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

This weekend is also a good reminder about the meaning of Holy Communion. You've been hearing in the news about many recent adult converts (particularly young adult converts). Ultimately, the reason for their attraction to the Catholic faith is the tradition, teachings, community, and most especially, the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not something one can't get anywhere else. The Eucharist is the fullness of Christ. For all of us who regularly attend Mass, we know how much it means to be fed by Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. And quite simply, it is not the same for us not to go to Church and not receive the Body of Christ. To not receive Jesus (in the Sacrament) is to take our chances with an emptier spiritual life. Holy Communion fills us in a way that nothing else can. Below are some insights from the early days of Church History commonly known as the Patristics and Church Fathers era (<https://www.churchfathers.org/the-real-presence>). Blessings to all on this First Holy Communion weekend! —Fr. George Mahas—



“I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire his blood, which is love incorruptible” (St. Ignatius of Antioch. Letter to the Romans 7:3 [A.D. 110]).



“We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [i.e., has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus” (St. Justin Martyr. First Apology 66 [A.D. 151]).

“Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the body and blood of Christ... [Since you are] fully convinced that the apparent bread is not bread, even though it is sensible to the taste, but the body of Christ, and that the apparent wine is not wine, even though the taste would have it so, . . . partake of that bread as something spiritual, and put a cheerful face on your soul” (St. Cyril of Alexandria. Catechetical Lectures 19:7 [A.D. 350]).

Divorced? Hurting?

Divorced Catholic Support Group FORMING NOW!



This program is designed for Catholics who are going through a divorce or are struggling with life after divorce. Some of the topics covered include grieving, fear, anger, dealing with your former spouse, helping your kids cope, annulment discussion, being single again, and most importantly **the power of your faith to heal**.

There is a flexible **self-study program** available: <https://divorcedcatholic.com/programs/individual>

Or if you would prefer a **group setting**, a Women's group is forming at

Ottoville Immaculate Conception (*open to anyone, not just IC parishioners.*)

What to expect? At home readings and group meetings where we will watch a video then have discussions related to the assigned topic.

If you are interested, simply text or call 419-230-5823 for additional details.

If this message hits home for you, please prayerfully consider. If there is a loved one who could benefit from the program, please share this information with them. Thank you!

<https://divorcedcatholic.com>



Maddox Altenburger	Emma Knippen
Braxton Beining	Lillian Knuth
Blair Bendele	Everly Maenle
Hannah Byrne	Paxtyn Markward
Ryker Calvelage	Nora Petrick
Jacob Cramer	Jayce Plescher
Andrew Crawford	Connor Rayman
Jones Ebert	Royce Ream
Cecelia Eickholt	George Schmersal
Ethan Eickholt	Weslyn Schwartz
Jacob Eickholt	Evelyn Sterling
Graham Hamilton	Anderson Walsh
Grace Kloepfel	Andrew Warnecke

LIFE SAVING NUMBERS

1 blood donation can help save the lives of up to **3** people
Every **2** seconds someone needs blood in the U.S.



Blood Drive Ottoville High School Ottoville Parish Hall

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**Monday, May 4, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: OTTOVILLEHS



Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon! See: rcblood.org/Amazon



Help us Celebrate Mothers

Each year, our team hosts a special Mother's Day event to pamper and uplift mamas who may not have a partner to celebrate them. With the help of local churches and families, we bring Christian encouragement and love to these women.

Mother's Day is coming up, and we're getting ready to make it extra special for the Heartbeat of Lima and the Mamas that they serve.

Collection baskets will be at each church entrance from April 15 thru April 26. THANK YOU!

- Kitchen products
- Small crockpot
- Coffee mugs
- Hair Products
- Candles
- Beauty masks
- Body lotion
- Nail polish & remover
- Bath towel & cloth
- Bubble bath
- Toothbrush & paste
- Q-tips
- Hand soap
- Mom-focused gift basket
- Gift cards for Moms
- Bulk drinks, like lemonade or water
- Anything you think a Mama would like

St. Anthony's Garage Sale ~ St. Anthony's will be having their garage sale on **April 30th – May 2nd** (town wide garage sale weekend). Thursday and Friday will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday will be 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We will no longer be having a garage sale during the festival. The Parish and School need the shed for storage.



Spirings in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility. **Our next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.**

All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time! For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

Putnam County Council on Aging May Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
5-6-2026	Senior Day	12:00pm	Columbus Grove Legion, Columbus Grove
5-7-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
5-12-2026	Mother's Day Event	10:00am	Community Center, Columbus Grove
5-18-2026	Learn to Use MyChart	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Pandora
5-19-2026	Cookie Decorating Party *\$20 fee per person	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida
5-26-2026	Euchre	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd, Col. Grove

For more information or to attend please call Putnam County Council on Aging 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760





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