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

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Mass Intentions

08/15 (Saturday)	Deceased Family Members of Art & Margie Schmersal
08/16 (Sunday)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m.	Lloyd & Leona Landin
08/17 (Monday)	No Mass
08/18 (Tuesday)	Donald Warnecke
12:00 p.m.	For the People of Immaculate Conception & St. Barbara Parishes
08/19 (Wednesday)	
8:00 a.m.	Bettie & Paul Altenburger
08/20 (Thursday)	
8:00 a.m.	Paul Ruen
6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
08/21 (Friday)	
8:00 a.m.	Joe & Cookie Kaverman
08/22 (Saturday)	
4:00 p.m.	Gebhard Gasser
08/23 (Sunday)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m.	Fr. Jerry Schetter

Next Weekend's Readings - August 22-23, 2026

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

WEDDING BANNS II:

Abigail Hilvers &
Logan Ridenour



MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of
Julie Schmersal



MEMORIAL FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Robert Rayman

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

*Congratulations to Art & Margie
Schmersal as they celebrated their 50th
Wedding Anniversary on August 14th!
We give thanks to God for the gift of your
faithful love and commitment to one
another. May the Lord continue to bless
you with abundant joy, good health, and
many more years of happiness together.*

*Congratulations on this wonderful
milestone!*



SAVE THE DATE!!

**Immaculate Conception
Parish Fall Festival
Sunday, October 11th**

Join us for a fun-filled day with:

Delicious Food
Games for All Ages
Raffle Booth
Live Entertainment

Family Fun and Fellowship

Don't miss this wonderful
community celebration!

More details coming soon!



Volunteers Needed!!!

Our Religious Education program operates successfully because of our volunteers.

We are looking for caring and faith-filled volunteers to help guide the next generation in growing their relationship with God. Currently, we are looking for a **5th grade teacher** and **teacher's aide**.

Please contact the parish office at **419-453-3513** or email icreligious@icchurchottoville.org if you are interested in helping our youth grow closer to their Catholic faith!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

If you have ever wondered “what happened” to the historical sites connected to Christ you are certainly not alone. One woman not only wanted to see the places of Jesus (especially in regard to his Passion), but she also wanted to preserve as much as she could. Remarkably, she was empowered to do so, although she had no “training” for such a responsibility and it was not what women “normally” were allowed to do. Among the many saints of the Church, there was no one who did the archeological work that St. Helena completed. August 18 is her Feast Day.

Her story is remarkable and it goes to show the importance of never losing hope and praying always.

Helena was born of “common” origins around the year 250ad. By chance or by destiny, she became the spouse of the rising Roman Emperor whose life would become unstable due to the power struggles of the times. This, and her husband’s fickle ways, led to her abandonment and she was divorced. Sadly, she was not given the opportunity to raise her only son. Yet, her faith (she was a Christian at a time when Christians were in the minority and in danger of persecution) kept her going and kept her hoping and praying for the best; especially for her son, Constantine.

As we know, prayers can have mysterious effects. Even when we are not immediately with the person we are praying for, our prayers can have a way of re-directing someone’s life when they encounter God’s graces. Helena prayed hard for her son’s future. The time came for his encounter with a “sign” from above. Famously (as he would later tell the story), he saw a cross in the sky and heard a voice tell him, “By this sign conquer”. The Cross is what we now know as the Chi-Rho. At the famous Battle of Milvian Bridge (312ad), Constantine’s men were victorious and he won the contested emperorship during a time when West and East were in great tumult. Becoming the Supreme Emperor, one of his first acts (a decision he never wavered from) was to empower and redeem his mother. From a divorced and abandoned woman, she became the most spiritually influential person in the government. Constantine trusted his mother completely.

And what did she want to do? Even though she had entered into her 60s, she wanted to explore and, if possible, preserve the sites of Christ and to send back to Rome anything of the highest spiritual meaning (Constantine permitted Christianity and built it up, and eventually it became the official religion of Rome and beyond).



Helena and her well-financed team traveled and explored Jerusalem extensively. She is said to have discovered the True Cross by testing the healing values of discarded timber from crucifixions. She sent such holy fragments to Rome (and later, beyond) where they are held in the highest places of Catholic veneration. She also discovered the Holy Stairs (*Scala Sancta*) of Christ’s Trial and sent those to Rome. Pilgrims, to this day, are permitted to climb these stairs, but only on their knees. And she built the basilica where Christ was crucified and entombed. This basilica, which is one of the most venerated Christian pilgrimage sites in the world, is called the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. And there were additional contributions she made until she passed away around the age of 80.

There is always someone to thank for what we have in our lives. This week, on August 18, we remember to thank a specially chosen woman who sought the sites of Our Savior and preserved all that she could. We are the beneficiaries of her legacy. —Fr. George Mahas—

Back-to-School Sports Blessing

Bring your game to Church! On Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30am mass, Immaculate Conception will hold a Blessing of Fall Athletes. All youth, high school, and adult athletes and coaches are invited to attend. Wear your team jersey!

Join us as we pray for safety, sportsmanship, and a successful season!



Blessing of the Backpacks August 22 & 23

Students of all ages, from preschool to college, are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass for a special blessing as we begin a new school year.

Welcome, St. Carlo!



St. Carlo has arrived and is settling into his new space! We are so grateful to **Dawn and Eric** for organizing and coordinating this wonderful campus project, **Dr. Tom** for the clear-coat, **Aaron** for the beautiful stamped concrete work, and **K&L** for their generous donation.

A special thank-you to all of our **VBS students and their families** whose support helped make this project a reality! What a wonderful new addition to our parish campus!

Everyone is invited to enjoy the benches—bring a friend, watch the sunset, pray, or simply take a moment to relax.



A special blessing of St. Carlo and his new space will take place in October. We look forward to gathering together to officially bless this beautiful addition to our parish!



You're Invited!

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS

A Journey of Faith. A Life in Christ.

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic?
Are you an adult Catholic who has not received
all the Sacraments? You are not alone.
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OCIA IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE...

EXPLORING THE FAITH	NEW TO THE FAITH	ALREADY BAPTIZED CATHOLIC	SEEKING A DEEPER FAITH
Curious about the Catholic Church and want to learn more.	Thinking about becoming Catholic and want to take the next step.	Need to receive Confirmation and/or First Communion.	Desire a closer relationship with God and His Church.

**CLASSES START IN
*September!***

**EVERY JOURNEY
BEGINS WITH A *Yes.***

We would be honored to journey
with you. All are welcome!

INTERESTED? WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Call or text
Shannon Schlagbaum
419-230-6415

Or email
icadultministry@
icchurchottoville.org

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU!

Come and see.

Raffle Booth Donations

We are seeking donations for the Parish Festival Raffle Booth! If you would like to contribute, you may donate an item or make a monetary donation, and the committee will purchase an item on your behalf.

- Item Donations:** Drop off at the Parish Office by **Monday, September 21st**. If you would like your item picked up, please contact **Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835**
- Monetary Donations:** Please make checks payable to **Immaculate Conception Church—Raffle Booth** mail to the IC Parish Office, **P.O. Box 296, Ottoville, OH 45876**

Donations may also be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours (M-Th: 8am-3pm)

Thank you for your generous support!

CANAL SIDE CHATS

FAITH, FRIENDS, AND FATHER

MEN – Canal Side Chats Are Back!

This is a casual, relaxed gathering where **adult men** can gather, and grow in faith.

Our last session for the season is **Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM** at **Canal Side Burgers and Brew**. The speaker for the evening will be **Fr. Hunyor**. His topic will be **“Toxic Masculinity Doesn’t Exist.”**

Join us for an evening of fellowship and conversation as we grow together in our Catholic faith.

This event is **open to all adult men**. Light appetizers will be provided, and a **cash bar** will be available.

Come as you are—and bring a friend!



Religious Education classes begin on **Wednesday, September 23 for grades 1-12!** If you have not registered yet, now is the time!

You can go online from the website www.icchurchottoville.org, scan the QR code, or stop by the office.





Ecce Young Adult Choir FALL AUDITIONS

- Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to help people encounter Jesus Christ through the beauty of sacred choral music?
- Do you want to sing the music of Christendom, both ancient and new, in a way that moves your heart to deeper prayer and love for our Faith?
- Do you desire authentic friendships with other Catholic young adults who are striving to be intentional disciples of the Lord?
- Are you searching for opportunities to go deeper with the Lord through prayer and spiritual formation?

Is the Lord calling YOU to audition for Ecce?

Email Jessica Schuster (Director) for more information!
jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com

All practicing Catholics ages 18-33 and proficient at reading music are invited to audition. The final day of auditions is **September 12th**.

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CONCERT!



Working together as a community to make
our park great!

Raffle Items needed for the 2026 Park Carnival



Saturday, September 5th

Sunday, September 6th

*Even if you are unable to attend the Ottoville Park
Carnival, we still need your support and donations!!*

Seeking donations for both the

KIDS RAFFLE BOOTH AND ADULT RAFFLE BOOTH



If you or someone you know would like to donate an item or cash to
purchase items for the raffle booths, please contact:

Brenda Beining 419.203.3474~~Jess Rayman 419.204.3438

Please turn in items by Sunday, August 20th

Cash donations are also accepted to purchase items.

Please make checks payable to "Ottoville Park Playground Equipment Fund"
and mail to Brenda Beining, PO Box 342, Ottoville, OH 45876

GRIEFSHARE

A Grief Support Group

Come join us! Our support group offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. In our GriefShare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief that is open to all adults in our area. Our next session begins on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Delphos St. John Ministry Center, located at 201 N. Pierce Street in Delphos.**

Registration can be completed at the GriefShare website at www.griefshare.org
OR by contacting **Kathy Ulm**, program coordinator, at **419-516-3994** or **Delphos St. John The Evangelist Ministry Center** at **419-695-4050.**



Lunch in the Park

Thursday, August 20th
Putnam County Senior Citizens Association
1035 E Third St, Ottawa OH
Waterworks Park

Sponsored by The Ottawa American Legion
Post #63

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

August 15th
Sara (Kevin) Beining

August 22nd
Peggy Pohlman

August 29th
Sara Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of August 1-2, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,137.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,141.00
Parish Center—\$ 387.00
Energy—\$ 56.00
Religious Education—\$ 66.00
July EFT—\$ 8,090.00
July Online Giving—\$ 1,436.33

For the week of August 8-9, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,520.00
Loose Cash—\$ 748.50
Parish Center—\$ 185.00
Energy—\$ 652.00
Religious Education—\$ 190.00
Assumption of Mary—\$ 1.00

Thank you for your generosity!



KNIGHTS NEWS

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Knights of Columbus Council 2238
Ottoville, Ohio

MEETING DATES:

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

New Members Always Welcome!

PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:

\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, August 12, 2026:
#298—Cathie Phillips

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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

Aug 22 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Katelyn Beining, Kendall Burgei, Courtney Burgei
Aug 23 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Kendall Norbeck, Taylor Turnwald, Kinley Turnwald

LECTORS

Aug 22 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Theresa Von Sossan
Aug 23 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Shelly Eickholt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Aug 22 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Peggy Pohlman Host Handicapped/Choir: Kim Wannemacher Cup-Mary's Side: Sara Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Julie Brickner
Aug 23 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Samuel Beining Host Handicapped/Choir: Jessica Wurst Cup-Mary's Side: Sarah Zeller Cup-Joseph's Side: Cory Eickholt

USHERS

Aug 22 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Allan Honigford, Kirt Martz, Gary Pohlman, Darrell Von Sossan
Aug 23 10:30 am	(Sunday)	David Fischbach, Todd Miller, Mark Turnwald, Nancy Vetter

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

Aug 22 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Volunteers Needed
Aug 23 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Volunteers Needed

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Aug	17 (Mon)	Alexis Lautzenheiser
Aug	18 (Tues)	Michelle Leach
Aug	19 (Wed)	Kim Leis
Aug	20 (Thurs)	Melissa Leis
Aug	21 (Fri)	Annie Lindeman
Aug	22 (Sat)	Deb Lindeman
Aug	23 (Sun)	Lisa Lindeman



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of August 16th: Kari Norbeck & Anne Hemker
Weeks of August 23rd & 30th: Dale & Lisa Bendele Family

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