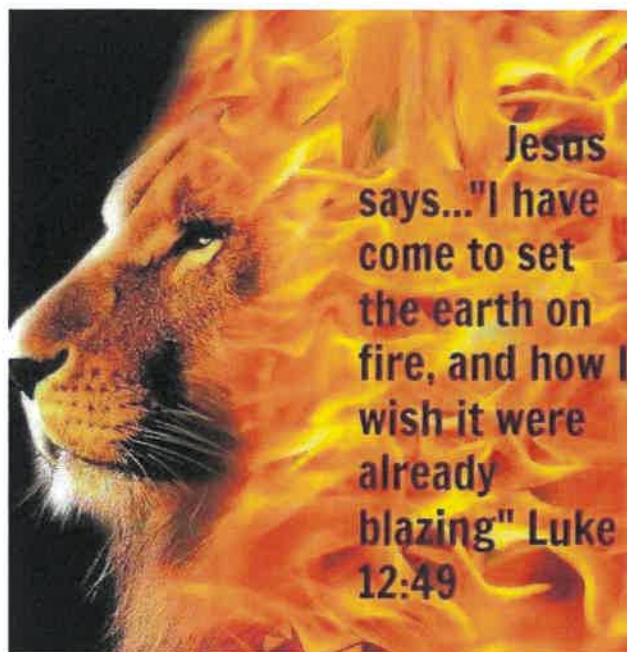


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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks) - 12:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY - 8:00 a.m.
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 SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m.
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Mass Intentions

8/16 (Saturday)	Dan Vorst, Doug Vorst, Tom Vorst & Joan Blyim
4:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
5:30 p.m.	
8/17 (Sunday)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m.	John & Jane Ricker; Bonnie Kimmet
8/18 (Monday)	No Mass
8/19 (Tuesday)	
6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/20 (Wednesday)	
8:00 a.m.	Paul & Bettie Altenburger
8/21 (Thursday)	
8:00 a.m.	Joe & Cookie Kaverman
6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/22 (Friday)	
8:00 a.m.	Tom Burgei
8/23 (Saturday)	
4:00 p.m.	Gebhard Gasser
5:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/24 (Sunday)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m.	Barb Landin



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Interested in becoming Catholic? Know of anyone that might be?

We have a process that allows you to, "Come and See." OCIA allows you to simply learn more about Catholicism and offers the opportunity to encounter Jesus more fully.

*If you are not baptized and Catholicism interests you, this is for you.

*If you were baptized in another Christian church and Catholicism interests you, this process is for you.

*If you are a Baptized Catholic who for some reason was never Confirmed, this process is for you too!

Wherever you are in your journey, we welcome you to explore Catholicism.

If you're interested in learning more about our OCIA program, please contact the parish office, **419-453-3513**.

Next Weekend's Readings - August 23 & 24, 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



CONGRATULATIONS! BAPTISM on August 17th

Ella Hahn

Parents: Matthew & Brittany Hahn

WEDDING BANNES III:

Annabelle Wisner & Josh Sarka



Memorial Flowers and Candles:

In memory of
**The Deceased Members of
the Class of 1980**

THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880.



Keeping Children & Youth Safe

Blessings to the Class of 1980!

As we look back with gratitude and forward with hope, we send heartfelt blessings to the Class of 1980. May your journey continue to be filled with purpose, joy, and lasting connection. Here's to the memories made and the legacy you carry!

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

The school year is underway for some families (including our Vantage families). The majority of students will be returning to the classrooms this week. (Blessings also to any home-school families.) Prayers for all families and for everyone working at our local schools. We always pray for the safety of everyone and we pray for a happy school year! (Below is a School Year Prayer from the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL.)

*Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.*

*"May you walk each day with courage and joy,
knowing that He goes with you wherever you go."
- Joshua 1:9*

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus, our greatest teacher, says something that does not seem "Jesus-like" because it is unsettling. He says: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." He then proceeds to predict how even families will be divided. Division happens. We all have to make our own decisions about our beliefs and values and we cannot control people. We can understand Jesus' point easily. Many of us have some "family division," whether it be religious, political, financial or just plain personal. Conflict and division are not always avoidable.

It simply takes a little reflection to understand what Jesus meant. People began to choose sides whether to follow him or to forget about him. There were those who

were quick to believe in Jesus; and those who gradually grew to believe; and those who refused to believe in him. Jesus taught (and proved) that he was fulfillment of all Law and Prophecy. Those who refused to believe in his words and in his works were quite simply the "hard of heart" (eventually they would have to learn the Lord's truth "the hard way"). Everyone was going to have to take a position and answer the question Jesus once asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

Sometimes young adults, growing in their independence, have to make tough decisions about their personal and Catholic lifestyles. Trying out new experiences with new people in a new setting is normal; but our moral compass will always remind us of when it's time to be especially careful and to "think twice" about what we do. Some choose to say "no" to destructive behaviors. This is part of what Jesus was talking about. You cannot please everyone, not even he could. "Just because everyone else is doing it doesn't make it right", we've heard before. Sometimes we choose Jesus' standards over what others ask us to do (and, in the end, we are grateful for our choice). Our true friends understand. For anyone leaving home this weekend and for everyone entering into new experiences, may your Guardian Angel go with you and may you always bring the best of your faith and your home parish wherever you go!

—Fr. George Mahas—



Thank You to Chase Furley

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Chase Furley, a member of the Ottoville Class of 2027 and ICY, for capturing and sharing a beautiful photograph of our church and community. The image serves as a powerful reminder of the grace and presence of God within our everyday surroundings. Truly stunning work, Chase — your eye for beauty and reverence is appreciated by all.

»I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth; —Psalm 78:7-8

This verse speaks to the serenity and strength found in God's creation, much like the peaceful beauty reflected in Chase's photograph.



ICY Group Mum Sale – Order Now

It's that time of year again! **The ICY Group** is holding its annual Mum Sale in partnership with **Amherst Greenhouse**.

Order forms are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Completed forms and payment are due by **September 2nd**, and can be returned to the Parish Office.

Mum delivery will take place on **September 8th**.

Thank you for your support!



Chrysanthemum Sale to benefit the ICY group!

				
BURGUNDY "DAISY" 9 in. \$10.00	BURGUNDY "DAISY" 9 in. \$10.00	ORANGE 9 in. \$10.00	WHITE 9 in. \$10.00	YELLOW 9 in. \$10.00
<p>Amherst Greenhouse in Hamlet, OH have agreed to help our remarkable Conception Youth group do a mum fundraiser!</p> <p>Orders due Tuesday, September 2nd</p> <p>All items are \$10.00 each</p> <p>Money is due when placing order</p> <p>Checks payable to Conception ICY</p> <p>Delivery will be September 8th</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</p>				
				
		PURPLE 9 in. \$10.00	PINK 9 in. \$10.00	DECORATIVE PUMPKIN POT (one mum, just pot) \$10.00

Church Apparel Orders — Still Time to Order!

Haven't ordered your **church apparel** yet? No worries — **there's still time!**

First round of orders is due by September 2nd.

Order forms are available:

- At the **back of the Church**
- In the **Parish Office** during normal business hours

Completed forms can be:

- Dropped off at the **Parish Office**
- Placed in the **weekend collection basket**

Want to see what you're ordering?

Samples of the merchandise are on display at the **back of the Church** along with the order forms.

Thank you for your continued support of our **Parish** and its **youth programs!**



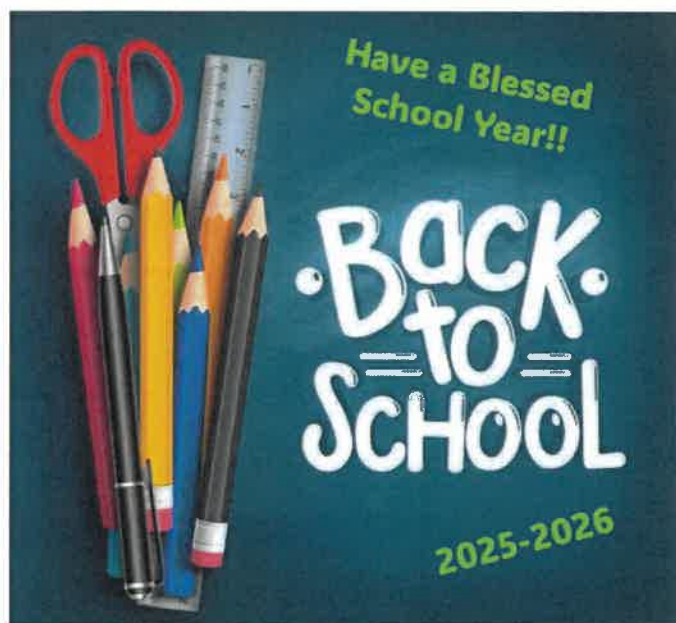


Volunteers Needed for Lunch Stand!

The Park Carnival Committee is still looking for volunteers to help at the lunch stand. This is a great opportunity to get involved and support our community event!

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Stacie Warnecke at **419-796-3025**.

Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Sydney Koester!



The **Knights of Columbus** are proud to announce that **Sydney Koester** has been awarded the **International Trophy for Free Throw Shooting!**

Throughout the competition, Sydney showcased incredible consistency and skill, sinking **78 out of 90 free throws** overall — including a **perfect 25 out of 25** at the **state level**. That flawless performance earned her this prestigious **international recognition**.

Way to go, Sydney!

Thank you for proudly representing **Ottoville** and the **Knights of Columbus youth sports** program. Your hard work and dedication are an inspiration to all!



Religious Education 2025-26

Our new theme in the Parish Center:

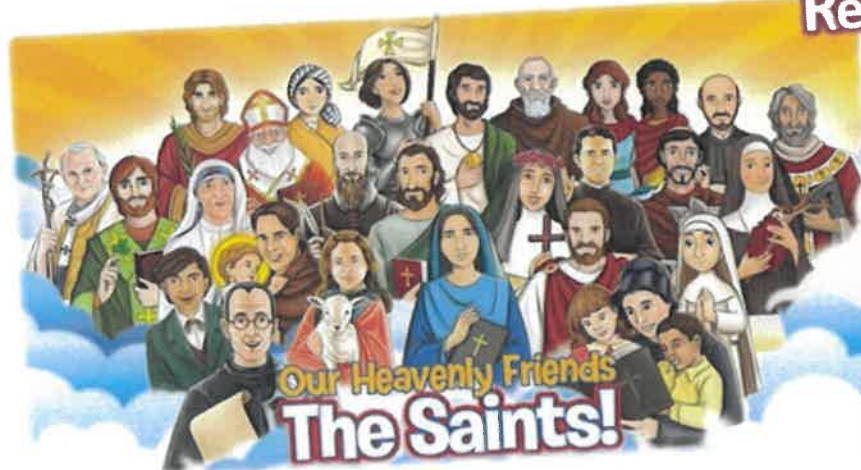


The Saints!

If you didn't sign-up your child(ren) yet for this upcoming year, please complete the online form on our website, visit our office, or scan QR Code:



Let's grow in faith and friendship with the Saints together this year!



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July EFT—\$ 7,930.00

For the week of August 9-10, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,284.00
Loose Cash—\$ 659.19
Parish Center—\$ 165.00
Energy—\$ 473.00
Religious Education—\$ 118.00
Assumption—\$ 40.00

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\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, August 13, 2025:
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August 23 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Jonah Buss, Kiley Hilvers, Treyton Hilvers
August 24 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Livia Grothaus, Ryken Napao, Kristen Pohlman

LECTORS

August 23 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Matt Eickholt
August 24 (Sunday) 10:30 am	April Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

August 23 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Christine Herman Host Handicapped/Choir: Olesya Herman Cup-Mary's Side: Theodore Herman Cup-Joseph's Side: Bernice Schnipke
August 24 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Megan Wehri Host Handicapped/Choir: Shelly Eickholt Cup-Mary's Side: Samuel Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Kay Langhals

USHERS

August 23 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Ralph Burgei, Joel Edelbrock, Riley Geise, Jerry Kaverman
August 24 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Dan Honigford, Todd Miller, Mark Turnwald, Jerry Turnwald

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

August 23 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Volunteers Needed
August 24 (Sunday) 10:30 am	The Family of Barb Landin

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Aug 18 (Mon)	Peggy Pohlman	
Aug 19 (Tues)	Dawn Pohlman	
Aug 20 (Wed)	Kelly Ricker	
Aug 21 (Thurs)	Emilee Ricker	
Aug 22 (Fri)	Connie Ricker	
Aug 23 (Sat)	Rita Schnipke	
Aug 24 (Sun)		

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