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 on earthly things. For you died, and  
 your life is now hidden with Christ in  
 God.  
 Colossians 3:2-3

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### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks) - 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.





## Mass Intentions

8/02 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	John P. Miller
	5:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/03 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Donald "Tiner" Altenburger
8/04 (Monday)		No Mass
8/05 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/06 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Leonard & Pauline, and Richard Schnipke; Rodney Menke; Eileen Halter
8/07 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	6:00 p.m.	Ray and Dan Miller
8/08 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Carla Landin
8/09 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph & Mary Wehri
8/10 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Joseph & Mary Wehri

### Next Weekend's Readings - August 9 & 10, 2025

Wisdom 18:6-9      Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:32-48

### Weekday Mass Schedule for New Servers

**Wed, Thurs, & Fri., Aug. 6, 7, & 8th:**

-Gemma Gasser, Kendall Norbeck, Charlotte Cross

**Tues Aug 12th:**

-Greyson & Harrison Beaubien

**Wed, Thurs, & Fri., Aug. 13, 14, & 15th:**

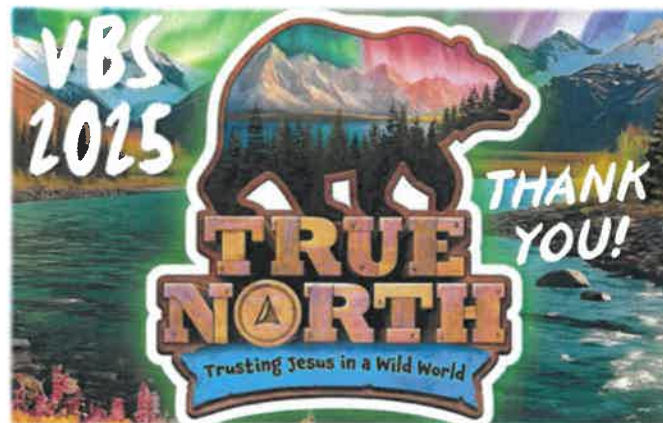
- Maggie Buss, Natalie Wehri, & Leah Maenle

Altar  
Servers



### WEDDING BANNS I:

Annabelle Wisner & Josh Sarka



With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we want to thank **EVERYONE** who supported our Vacation Bible School (VBS) students in their fundraising project this year!

Because of your amazing generosity, **\$9,368.24** was raised — sending our "Hiker" high into the mountains and beyond!

Your support means we can now move forward with:

- A beautiful **statue of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis!**
- A **weatherproof bench**, long enough for the children to sit beside their new saintly friend
- A thoughtfully designed **concrete area** around the site for prayer, gathering, and reflection.

This space will become a special place on our parish grounds — where faith, friendship, and the inspiration of a modern young saint can grow!

From the bottom of our hearts...**THANK YOU!**





## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

Nicknames can take shape anywhere. Jesus dubbed two of his Apostles (the brothers James and John) as “The Sons of Thunder.” That nickname is immortalized in the Gospel of Mark (some biblical scholars say it has to do with their youthful fiery nature and eagerness. Other scholars say it had to do with their father, who was an aggressive businessman). Do you have a nickname?

You may have been keeping tabs on news from Major League Baseball. Recently, it was Hall of Fame Induction week. One former area star was enshrined, CC Sabathia (he played with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians from 2001—2009). CC’s nickname is “Dub,” short for “Double C.” This lefty was a longtime accomplished All-Star.

And another nickname that has made the baseball headlines this past week is “Big Amish.”

Playing for the transient Athletics (they are no longer called the Oakland A’s since moving out of the city), unless you really follow baseball you probably haven’t heard about this impressive rookie, Nick Kurtz. “I’m not Amish,” he says, “but, when I told my teammates that I grew up near Amish country in Lancaster, PA, one of them started calling me ‘Big Amish.’” At first he didn’t care for the name, but it seemed to stick, and no one had a problem with it (he didn’t get much negative feedback), so he leaned into it. This tall (6’5) 22-year-old curly haired rookie, with every extra-base hit and every homerun, does a twirling hand-gesture called, “Churning the Butter.”

Recently, on the road against the Houston Astros, he had special guests attending: his godparents. Godparents are especially chosen to care for and pray for the spiritual well-being of their godchild. While different Christian traditions have different approaches to the role of godparents, it is clear that this can become a meaningful relationship for a lifetime. Nick Kurtz’s godparents never saw him play in the Majors; so, living in Houston, it was their special opportunity to attend and support him. They, along with his parents, took a photo before the game. (In the pic, his godfather is on the far-left and his godmother on the far-right).



“I wanted to do something special”, said the rookie. Well, in front of his parents and godparents, and the Houston crowd, he certainly did so. On July 26th, the rookie went 6 for 6 and did something that no rookie has ever done in the history of the Majors, he hit 4 home runs in a single game! When he launched his 4<sup>th</sup> homerun, the Houston crowd made a collective sound of awe and wonder! It was an amazing accomplishment and “Big Amish” certainly had a big smile on his face throughout the night! Cooperstown (home of the MLB Hall of Fame) called to request his bat and they also want his cleats; but he said, “Can you wait, it’s my only pair.”

“Now I want my godparents at every game!” Was it a coincidence that one of the most historic performances in baseball history took place during the night his godparents could attend? Godparents, your presence in the lives of your godchildren make a difference (even when they are grown adults)! Sometimes it is the godparents who are more active in the faith than the parents. They can be impactful intercessors and inspiring examples. Their prayers and support can be a lifelong blessing to a godchild. Embrace your role as godparents, live your life as a model of faithfulness, and while your godchild might not be fast tracked to a Hall of Fame at such a young age, you can help your godchild along to a blessed life here and in Heaven.

—Fr. George Mahas—



**Thank you** to all the wonderful ladies who helped with the envelope stuffing for our upcoming Parish Festival! We had a record amount of volunteers and they completed the work in record time!

Everyone's support for the Festival Big Ticket Raffle will help towards one of our upcoming fundraising goals...update and improvement the K of C Room! This room is one of our rental spaces but still has the "Band Room" features from former times. We're hoping to update and improve the space! Thank you to Parish Council members for leading this effort.

**And another thank you** to the Boy Scouts for installing a new rope line and raising a new flag at our Parish Center flagpole! Special thanks to Mr. Jason Swint for assistance with the bucket truck! God bless America and these Scouts! Keep up the great work!





Hello Parish Family,

I'm both humbled and excited to share that I've been accepted into the Diocese of Toledo's Diaconate Formation Program, beginning this August. This marks the start of the Aspirancy phase—a two-year period of study and discernment to assess the readiness and capabilities of candidates for nomination to the Bishop as permanent deacons. If nominated, this would be followed by an additional three years of formation leading up to ordination.

As I begin this journey, I kindly ask for your prayers for my family and me—that we may remain open and faithful to God's call. I'm deeply grateful for the support and encouragement you've already shown, and I feel truly blessed to walk this path within such a faith-filled and supportive community.

Thank you, and God bless,  
Cory Eickholt



*Springs*  
IN THE  
DESERT

Springs 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, August 7 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 to join in - new faces are welcome at any time!\***

For more information, contact **Laura Tenwalde** at **(419) 303-5752** or **Wendy Schimmoeller** at **(419) 236-0522**. It is our honor to walk with you!



Diocese  
of Toledo

**Candlelight Rosary  
Procession and  
Vigil Mass –  
Thursday, August 14**

All are warmly invited to a beautiful evening of prayer and celebration in Carey on **Thursday, August 14 at 9:00 p.m.** Join fellow pilgrims for the **Candlelight Rosary Procession to Shrine Park**, followed immediately by the **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

**Bishop Daniel E. Thomas**, Bishop of Toledo, will serve as principal celebrant, and **Bishop John E. Stowe, OFM Conv.**, Bishop of Lexington, will preach the homily.

This special celebration is expected to draw thousands in this **Jubilee Year of Hope** and in honor of the **150th anniversary of the arrival of the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation**.

Come and be part of this powerful expression of faith and devotion.

**St. Joseph Parish Festival—Fort Jennings**  
**Sunday, August 10th**

Join us for food, fun, and family activities!



**Chicken & Beef Dinners:**  
10:30 a.m.—1 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.  
*Dine In or Drive-Thru Carry-Out*



**Hamburger Stand:**  
10:30 a.m.—7 p.m.

**Raffles:**

- \$1,500 Grand Prize
- \$1,000 Gas & Grocery Raffle
- 200 + Bucket Raffle Prizes



**Fun for All Ages:**  
BINGO, Kid's Games, Inflatables,  
Kiddie Tractor Pull, Homemade Ice Cream,  
Farmer's Market & more!

Come celebrate with us!

**Putnam County  
Council on Aging**

**August Activities**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
8-1-25	Senior Expo	8:30-11:30 am	Ottawa Elementary
8-5-25	Crisis Averted	10:00 am	Lilac House, Leipsic
8-7-25	Bingo	1:00 pm	Fort Haven, Fort Jenn.
8-7-25	Car Fit	2:00 pm	Fort Haven, Fort Jenn.
8-12-25	Tour De Harley Davidson	10:00 am	Ben Breece Harley Davidson, Ottawa
8-14-25	Guess That Theme Song	10:00 am	Northside Lion's Den Shelter House, Kalida
8-19-25	Ice Cream Social	10:00 am	Continental United Methodist Church
8-21-25	Guess that Phrase	10:00 am	Senior Center, Col. Grove
8-25-25	Podcast Like A Pro	1:30 pm	Putnam County District Library, Ottawa
8-28-25	Let's Play Penny Drop	10:00 am	Parish Center, Ottoville

Call us to learn more or RSVP!

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**FORT FEST BIKER ESCORT  
IS COMING THROUGH OTTOVILLE  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025**

THE BIKER ESCORT IS PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE FORT JENNING FORT FEST.



**ESTIMATED  
ARRIVAL TIME IN  
OTTOVILLE IS  
4:45 TO 5:00 P.M.**

**BIKERS WILL BE COMING INTO  
OTTOVILLLE ON ROUTE 224 FROM KALIDA. AT THE CENTER OF  
TOWN, THEY WILL TURN RIGHT AND TRAVEL ROUTE 66 NORTH  
TO DELPHOS THEN TRAVEL ROUTE 190 INTO FORT JENNINGS.**

**BRING YOUR FLAGS AND LET'S SHOW EVERYONE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE  
OUR FALLEN HEROES AND THAT THEIR SACRIFICES ARE ALWAYS REMEMBERED!**

**THIS EVENT IS SPECTACULAR TO SEE!  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!**



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

**August 2nd**  
**Deb Burgei**

**August 9th**  
**Peggy Pohlman**

**August 16th**  
**Sara Beining**

**August 23rd**  
**Art & Berniece Schnipke**

**August 30th**  
**Adam & Beth Schnipke**



## OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

### *For the week of July 19-20, 2025*

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,169.00  
Loose Cash—\$ 596.00  
Parish Center—\$ 125.00  
Energy—\$ 477.00

### *For the week of July 26-27, 2025*

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,046.65  
Loose Cash—\$ 508.25  
Parish Center—\$ 35.00  
Energy—\$ 100.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## KNIGHTS NEWS

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Knights of Columbus Council 2238  
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### MEETING DATES:

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

**New Members Always Welcome!**

### PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:

**\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, July 27, 2025:**  
**#788—Katelyn Coning**

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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

<b>August 09</b> (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Kendall Burgei, Courtney Burgei, Cassidy Deitering
<b>August 10</b> (Sunday) 10:30 am	Sophia Druckemiller, Tressel Gasser, Lauren Moreno

### LECTORS

<b>August 09</b> (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Theresa Von Sossan
<b>August 10</b> (Sunday) 10:30 am	Stephanie Maye

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>August 09</b> (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Peggy Pohlman Host Handicapped/Choir: Julie Brickner Cup-Mary's Side: Sara Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Sara (Kevin) Beining
<b>August 10</b> (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Jessica Wurst Host Handicapped/Choir: Bryleigh Napao Cup-Mary's Side: Erica Brickner Cup-Joseph's Side: Cory Eickholt

### USHERS

<b>August 09</b> (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Daniel Bendele, Allan Honigford, Gary Pohlman, Darrel Von Sossan
<b>August 10</b> (Sunday) 10:30 am	Riley Geise, Mike Heitmeyer, Julie Schimmoeller, Nancy Vetter

### FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

<b>August 09</b> (Saturday) 4:00 pm	The Family of Joseph and Mary Wehri
<b>August 10</b> (Sunday) 10:30 am	The Family of Joseph and Mary Wehri

### LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

<b>Aug 04</b> (Mon)	Jane Plescher
<b>Aug 05</b> (Tues)	Loni Plescher
<b>Aug 06</b> (Wed)	Cheryl Siefker
<b>Aug 07</b> (Thurs)	Catherine Pohlman
<b>Aug 08</b> (Fri)	Jennifer Quartana
<b>Aug 09</b> (Sat)	Connie Ricker
<b>Aug 10</b> (Sun)	Pat Ricker



### ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Don & Sherri Looser Family : Week of Aug 3rd  
Ceil Eickholt: Weeks of Aug. 10th & 17th

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