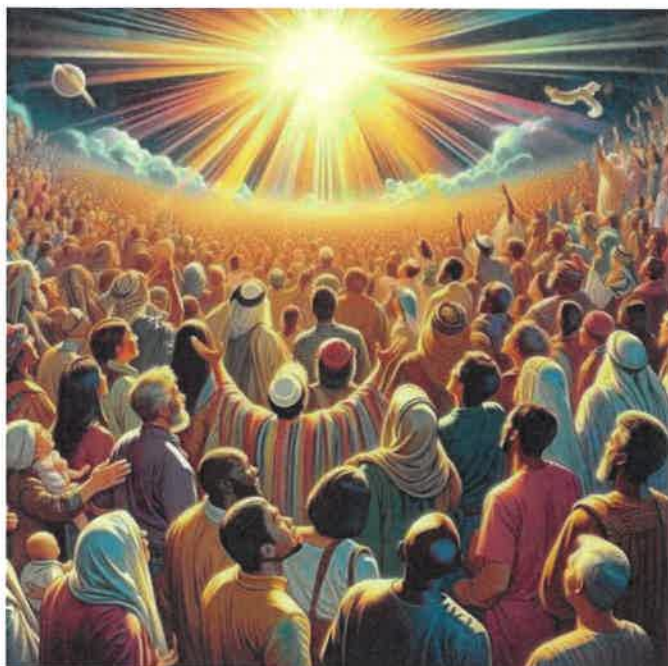


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Mass Intentions

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
8/25 (Monday)		No Mass
8/26 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	Philip Hilvers
8/27 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	John Hilvers
8/28 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Edith Knippen
	6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/29 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Jerome Turnwald
8/30 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Orval Eickholt
	5:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
8/31 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Diane Ricker

Next Weekend's Readings - August 30 & 31, 2025

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Wedding
 Congratulations
 to*

**Josh & Annabelle
 Sarka**



WEDDING BANNERS I:

**Jonathan Knippen
 &
 Julia Langhals**



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

In loving memory of
Gebhard Gasser



MEN—Join us for our LAST “Canal Side Chat” of the Season

This is a casual, relaxed gathering where **adult men** can gather, grow in faith and get to know our local priests better. Last month, Fr. George Mahas was our speaker.

**Canal Side Chat Preview –
 This Wednesday August 27th at 7:00 PM at
 Canal Side Burgers and Brew**
 Join us as Fr. Phil Smith shares **“Getting more out
 of the Mass”**

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!

The Saints



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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

Recently Pope Leo XIV celebrated his first 100 days. As a humble and very occupied “young” pope (69 years old), he did not personally celebrate too much, but the media took the occasion to reflect on this (already) historic pontificate. The reviews are universally favorable!

What has this new pope done? Pope Leo has restored some of the papal traditions that Pope Francis chose not to emphasize, but other than that he has not made any drastic changes. His three predecessors exercised their ministry through their unique giftedness: St. John Paul II as a charismatic world-traveling evangelizer; Pope Benedict XVI, as a scholar; and Pope Francis as a prophetic reformer. Pope Leo, while certainly warm and kind, is known as a quiet and humble worker who prefers listening as much (if not more) than talking. So, he may not make the headlines as often as recent popes, but he will have his impact, God-willing, through the years.

In saying this, there are ways that he stands out. One of his brothers revealed that he still talks everyday with Leo (Robert) and even continues to play their favorite game, Wordle. Most modern popes, for various reasons, are not as close with their families after a papal election; but Pope Leo’s affinity for his family is breaking the mold. Also, his American side is on display when he sees people waving Chicago White Sox or Villanova hats and when he’s offered some Chicago deep dish pizza. And his homily from the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (which was also the Church’s Jubilee of Sport) is intriguing because of the pope’s obvious passion and insights about sports and the spiritual life. Below is an excerpt. We continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV! –Fr. George Mahas—



Every good and worthwhile human activity is in some way a reflection of God’s infinite beauty, and sport is certainly one of these. For God is not immobile and closed in on himself, but activity, communion, a dynamic relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which opens up to humanity and to the world. Theologians speak of perichoresis: the life of God is a kind of “dance”: a dance of mutual love...Sport can thus help us to encounter the Triune God, because it challenges us to relate to others and with others, not only outwardly but also, and above all, interiorly. Otherwise, sport becomes nothing more than an empty competition of inflated egos...

Being a “good sport” is more important than winning or not...First, in a society marked by solitude, where radical individualism has shifted the emphasis from “us” to “me”, resulting in a deficit of real concern for others, sport – especially team sports – teaches the value of cooperating, working together and sharing...Second, in an increasingly digital society, where technology brings distant people closer together, yet often creates distances between those who are physically close, sport proves a valuable and concrete means of bringing individuals together, providing a healthier sense of the body, of space, effort and real time. It counters the temptation to escape into virtual worlds and it helps to preserve a healthy contact with nature and with real life, where genuine love is experienced...Third, in our competitive society, where it seems that only the strong and winners deserve to live, sport also teaches us how to lose. It forces us, in learning the art of losing, to confront one of the deepest truths of our human condition: our fragility, our limitations and our imperfections...It is no coincidence that sport has played a significant role in the lives of many saints in our day, both as a personal discipline and as a means of evangelization. We can think of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the patron saint of athletes, who will be canonized later this year on September 7. His straightforward and luminous life reminds us that, just as no one is born a champion, no one is born a saint. It is daily training in love that brings us closer to final victory (cf. Rom 5:3-5) and enables us to contribute to the building of a new world.



Welcoming Our New Altar Servers

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our **17 new altar servers** who faithfully served throughout the summer, learning the responsibilities and reverence that come with this important ministry. Your dedication, attentiveness, and willingness to serve are a true blessing to our parish.



A special thank you as well to our **adult altar servers**, especially **Art Hoehn**, who generously gave their time to mentor and guide these new members. Your support and example have been instrumental in helping them grow in confidence and skill.

May this be the beginning of a meaningful journey of service for our new altar servers!



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:

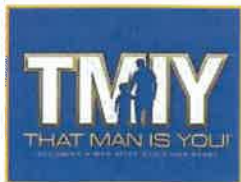
- Dropped off at the **Parish Office**
- Placed in the **weekend collection basket**



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!**



That Man is You! (TMIY) Returns

TMIY will be starting back up on
**Saturday, September 13th at
6:30 a.m. in the Knights of
Columbus Room.**

This program focuses on the vital
leadership role of men in the family and provides
an opportunity for excellent group conversations
that inspire and strengthen faith.

Please consider joining us on Saturday mornings
from **6:30 – 7:30 a.m. in the K of C Room.** All men
of the parish are welcome!



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 419-769-3025.

Thank you for your support!



Parish Landscaping Refresh

The landscaping around the Parish Center
has served us well for many years, but it
has now reached the end of its life and will
soon need to be refreshed. Father has also
mentioned that we will be looking at
updating the edging and landscaping
around the rectory. We are deeply grateful
to all who have contributed plants,
bushes, and flowers over the years — your
gifts have helped create a welcoming and
beautiful space for our parish family. Some
of these plantings have graced our
grounds for 25 years or more, and, just like
all living things, they have run their natural
course.

As we begin this renewal, our goal is to
honor the beauty of the past while creating
a fresh, inviting space for years to come. If
you have any questions, please feel free to
speak with a council member.

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!

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All items are \$10.00 each				
Money is due when placing order				
Checklist please to: Chrysanthemum ICY				
Delivery will be September 8th				
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!				
				DECORATIVE PUMPKIN POT (no mum, just pot) \$10.00



Movie Showing: Triumph of Hope

Sts. Peter & Paul parishioner, Cindy Cech is hosting a special showing of the brand-new movie ***Triumph of Hope*** at the Defiance Theater on **Sunday, September 14th at 4 p.m.** This inspiring film tells the story of **St. Maximilian Koble**

In order for the showing to take place, a minimum number of tickets must be sold by **August 28th**. If the goal is not reached, ticket costs will be refunded.

Tickets can be purchased through the link below, where you can also find the movie trailer and more details. Type in zip code **43512** and scroll to the **Phoenix Theatre, Defiance OH**

<https://screening.triumphoftheheart.com/screening>

The film is rated **13+**. Invite friends and family to join in this opportunity to see an inspiring story of faith brought to the big screen—right in Defiance!



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Parish Office Closed—Labor Day



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** in observance of **Labor Day**. Regular office hours will resume on **Tuesday, September 2nd**. We wish everyone a safe, restful, and blessed holiday weekend!



Fort Jennings Blood Drive

The FJ Blood Drive will be held on **Wednesday, September 3rd from 12:00–6:00 pm** at the **Fort Jennings Legion Hall**.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org, sign in, and enter the zip code **45844**.

You may also call **Alice Wiegand (419-234-7293)** or **Dianne Miehl (419-863-0067)** for assistance.

Walk-ins are always welcome!

Thank you for your generous support in helping save lives through blood donation.

Please consider joining **Fr. Randy Giesige** for a spiritually inspiring **Pilgrimage to Poland** where we will walk in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Besides visiting the many beautiful churches, we will also visit the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, explore World War II, and get our fill of the awesome Polish culture and delicious food. The dates of the trip are **May 4, 2026 – May 15, 2026**. If you are interested, or would like more information, or a brochure and registration form, please contact **Fr. Randy** by phone at **419-863-9555** or by email at rpgiesige@gmail.com. Spaces are limited. There is also an Information Gathering on **Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.** or **Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at **Leipsic St. Mary Parish Life Center (320 State St. Leipsic)**. This will be an opportunity for you to get more information and ask questions. You can register without attending the Information Gatherings by letting **Fr. Randy** know and filling out the registration form. Thanks, and God bless!

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

August 23rd
Art & Berniece Schnipke

August 30th
Adam & Beth Schnipke

September 6th
Peggy Pohlman

September 13th
Art & Berniece Schnipke



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of August 9-10, 2025

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

For the week of August 14-17, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,520.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,062.00
Parish Center—\$ 71.00
Energy—\$ 293.00
Religious Education—\$ 275.00
Assumption—\$ 515.00

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August 31 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Brody Heitmeyer, Abigail Looser, Cruse Schroeder

LECTORS

August 30 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Jill Wenzlick
August 31 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Cory Eickholt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

August 30 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Quinton Schnipke Host Handicapped/Choir: Adam Schnipke Cup-Mary's Side: Beth Schnipke Cup-Joseph's Side: Julie Brickner
August 31 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Bryleigh Napao Host Handicapped/Choir: Jessica Wurst Cup-Mary's Side: Julie Schimmoeller Cup-Joseph's Side: Nancy Vetter

USHERS

August 30 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Evan Altenburger, Brian Altenburger, Daniel Bendele, Jim Wannemacher
August 31 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Larry Beining, Matt Eickholt, Tom Markward, John Vetter

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

August 30 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	The Family of Orval Eickholt
August 31 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Volunteers Needed

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Aug 25 (Mon)	Mary Kay Schroeder
Aug 26 (Tues)	Bev Schweller
Aug 27 (Wed)	Lauri Thatcher
Aug 28 (Thurs)	Alyssa Steffan
Aug 29 (Fri)	Cathy Turnwald
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Aug 31 (Sun)	Ann Turnwald



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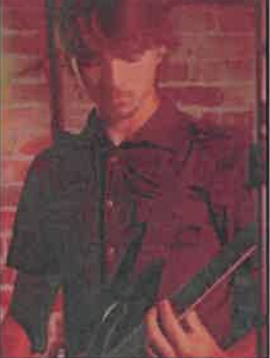
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