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A Blessed New School Year!

We pray for a blessed, happy, and safe school year for all our students, teachers,
and school staff!

May God bless you with **wisdom in the classroom, joy in friendship, and strength
in every challenge.**

And to our **Big Green and Lady Green athletes—**
we pray for great seasons in
Cross-Country, Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball!

And blessings to all the fans who cheer you on!

We look forward to cheering you on throughout the year!





Mass Intentions

08/29 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Camryn Mansfield
08/30 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Jerome Turnwald
08/31 (Monday)		No Mass
09/01 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	For the People of Immaculate Conception & St. Barbara Parishes
09/02 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Bud & Mike Miller
09/03 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Norman & Diane Buettner
	6:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
09/04 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Carol Hoersten—30th Day
		Helen Luersman
09/05 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Don Beining—7th Day
		Bob & Arlene Bendele
09/06 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Robert Rayman

Next Weekend's Readings - September 5-6, 2026

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

*Wedding
Congratulations
to*

**Logan & Abigail
Ridenour**



WEDDING BANNS II:

**Lillian Burkhart &
Adam Berryman**



With Grateful Hearts!

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed for me, sent cards and messages, lit candles, and kept me in your thoughts during my surgery and recovery. Your prayers, love, and kindness have meant more than I can express. I am deeply grateful for my wonderful church family. May God bless each of you abundantly.

With heartfelt thanks,
Mark Vorst, Lisa, & Family



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

In loving memory of

Don Beining



**Diocese
of Toledo**

Congratulations, Fr. George!

We are pleased to announce that
**Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has
reappointed Fr. George as the Dean
of the Saint George Deanery** for another
three-year term!

As Dean, Fr. George serves in a leadership role among the priests of our deanery, helping to foster collaboration and communication among the parishes and clergy.

You may also notice that Fr. George and other priests serving as deans are addressed as "**Very Reverend.**" This title is an honorific associated with their appointment and reflects their role and responsibilities as a dean.

Congratulations, Fr. George, on this appointment! We are grateful for your continued leadership and service to our parish and the Saint George Deanery. Please join us in keeping him in your prayers as he begins this new three-year term!



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

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.



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament will be
Saturday, September 5, 2026
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

Among the many people who have been returning to school during the past couple weeks are seminarians. We pray for all the seminarians and their families; and in a particular way we pray for IC parishioner Quinton Schnipke and our summer seminarian Derek Swartzlander.

What is seminary like? My first Vocation Director, Fr. Ron Schock (we all remember Fr. Ron!) said, "Well, let's check it out." It is one thing to "tell" someone what something is like, it is something else for the person to actually experience it. Our Diocese has a long history of utilizing multiple seminaries, specifically: Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati; St. Meinrad in Indiana (we no longer send there); and the Josephinum (see pic) in Columbus (this is our first year back to the Josephinum after a multi-year hiatus.) Some men are also invited to go to Rome for their theology.



In its beginning stages, seminary is similar to but different than a regular "college". The academic work is similar, but the spiritual life of prayer and Mass, along with Church formation are the foundational experiences from the beginning to the end. In recent times, the first year has been transformed into a primarily spiritual discernment and formation year called the Propaedeutic Year. Seminarians become acclimated to daily community prayer in the morning and the evening (and sometimes in the afternoon) and they participate in daily Mass. It is a different experience from the home parishes or even campus ministries. How? It is intentionally encompassing and there is something "Religious" (like Religious Orders) and monastic about the experience. This way of life can have a very traditional and even ancient feel (especially chanting the Liturgy of the Hours together.)

Men in seminary are "shaped" by the Church more than the "world". That is what we mean by Formation. And in fact, there are "Four Pillars" of Priestly Formation as once described by Pope St. John Paul II: Spiritual, Intellectual, Pastoral, and Human. The Intellectual Pillar is attended to in the classrooms and other intellectual work. And men, most often in pairs or small groups, will have one afternoon (or evening) dedicated to Pastoral Works. My Pastoral Formation at the Josephinum consisted of: Food Pantry, High School Ministry, Post-Abortion Healing Ministry, and Radio Ministry (we had our own radio program on am820, called "The Seminarians"!)

Human Formation, who we are as people 24/7, is considered the most important. And of course sports and other extra curricular activities are also popular and encouraged.

When I began, it was suggested to me that seminary, traditionally, has had a "military feel". There's some truth to this. There is a fair amount of sacrifice and preparation for a life of obedience which includes following a somewhat tight schedule; being at all required events and meals; making time for your brothers in fraternity; doing your "house jobs" (my first house job was sweeping and mopping the 5 levels of the north stairs in the Theologate!); and, having enough self-discipline to manage it all. In seminary there is something about the journey of "dying" to self and "rising" to become a man for others. This is why seminary is a years-long experience for those who discern (with the Church) the priestly calling (it can take upwards of 9 years of study and formation!) In saying all this, it can also be lots of fun!

And, along the way we were always reminded, especially in the initial years, "Make your commitment one year at a time". To do anything other than that would be overwhelming. When the time comes (we were told), you will know what decision is right for you and the Church. Seminarians experience many blessings that last a lifetime, but they also make many sacrifices. Keep them in prayer! –Fr. George Mahas—

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!

Welcome, Michael!

Please help us welcome **Michael Steffan**, our new **Coordinator of Facilities and Rentals!**

Michael is a **2022 graduate of Ottoville High School** and is currently in his **senior year at Purdue Fort Wayne University**, where he is studying Actuarial Science.



We are excited to have Michael join our parish team this year and look forward to all he will contribute to our parish community.

Welcome, Michael!

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Mum Sale

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ORDERS DUE: Monday, September 7th

PRICE: \$10.00 each

PAYMENT: Money is due when placing order. Checks payable to Ottoville ICY.

DELIVERY: Monday, September 14th

ALL ITEMS \$10.00 EACH

MUMS WILL BE DELIVERED: Monday, 9/14

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

Your support helps us grow in faith and serve our community.

Fall Festival

Help Keep Our Parish Festival Tradition Alive!

Our Annual Immaculate Conception Parish Festival is a beloved tradition that brings our parish family, friends, and community together each year. We are looking for **new co-chairs as overall leaders to help continue this wonderful tradition!**

This is a temporary leadership commitment (**likely a 3-year term**), and you won't be on your own! New co-chairs will have the opportunity to observe and work alongside our current co-chairs, receive training and guidance, and learn everything needed to make the festival a success. A detailed festival "**playbook**" is also available to help guide you through the process—much of the work simply involves following the steps that are already in place.

If you enjoy working with others, helping our parish, and being part of a great tradition, we would love to have you consider this opportunity. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents!

To express your interest, please contact the parish office.



CYO 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball Schedule

September 12th @ Ottoville (Parish Center)

9:00 Ottoville 6th vs Glandorf 6th

10:00 Ottoville 5th vs Glandorf 5th

September 19th @ Columbus Grove

9:00 Ottoville 6th vs Kalida Gold ***Court 2***

11:00 Ottoville 5th vs Grove 5th ***Court 1***

September 26th @ Ottoville (Parish Center)

9:00 Ottoville 6th vs SPPS Green 6th

12:00 Ottoville 5th vs Kalida 5th

October 3rd @ Kalida

9:00 Ottoville 5th vs SPPS White 5th ***Court 4***

11:00 Ottoville 6th vs Kalida Maroon 6th ***Court 1***

October 10th @ Ottawa

10:00 Ottoville 6th vs SPPS White

**5th grade tournament @ Continental
Saturday, October 10th.**

**6th grade tournament @ Continental
Saturday, October 17th**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

PARISH OFFICE

★ **CLOSED** ★

in observance of

Labor Day

★ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026 ★

*Thank you to all who work hard and serve our communities.
Have a safe and blessed Labor Day!*



Love Our Park? Come Help Us Out!



If you enjoy using and supporting our park, please consider volunteering for the **Ottoville Park Carnival!** We're looking for volunteers to help in the **lunch stand** and at the **money wheel**.

Please see our **Facebook page** for a signup sheet or contact **Stacie Warnecke** at **419-769-3025**.



Every volunteer makes a difference and helps make the carnival a success!

If you can spare some time, we'd love to have you join us. **Thank you for supporting our park and our community!**



FUNDRAISER MEAL FOR OTTOVILLE Girls & Boys SOCCER



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**SUNDAY,
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11AM - 1PM**

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/MEAL**

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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,
September 3rd** 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!

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by
Embrace Wellness

IN OTTOVILLE PARK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
@ 9AM

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OTTOVILLE PARK CARNIVAL
Always Labor Day Weekend

FREE EVENT!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

9 am to 2 pm... **CRAFT SHOW**
10 am... Beer Tent opens
11 am... Lunch Stand opens
11 am to 2 pm... Car and
Motorcycle Show

Noon to 12:30 pm... Opening Ceremony
King & Queen Crowning
Noon to 4 pm... **VETS HAPPY HOUR**
Noon to 8 pm... The Bounce Off Inflatable
Raffle Booth

2 pm & 8 pm... **KIDS BIKE RAFFLE**
3 pm... Cub Scout Tractor Pulls
4 pm to 7 pm... **ATTIC STACHE**
4 pm to 10 pm... Money Wheel
7 pm... Witte Ball Home Run Derby
8:30 pm to 11:30 pm... **BRONSON
ARROYO BAND**
10 pm to 1 am... **FREE TAXI
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OTS uses household item donations to help
local homeless individuals and families
transition into homes.

**Donations of furniture, small
appliances and large household
items greatly appreciated.**

When: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am
Next: September 5

Where: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa
(Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, follow the signs.



What is Accepted:

New and slightly-used furniture and household goods,
such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no
glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands,
microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, lamps, vacuums,
and coffee makers.

NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or
sleeper sofas are NOT accepted.

**Most currently needed: dressers, microwaves,
cribs or pack-n-plays, mixers and blenders.**

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on
Tuesday, September 1st, at 7:30 pm in Kalida
St. Michael's Church basement.

All are welcome.



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

August 29th
Sara Beining

September 5th
Deb Burgei

September 12th
Adam & Beth Schnipke

September 19th
Peggy Pohlman

September 26th
Sara Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of August 15-16, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,716.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,39.11
Parish Center—\$ 140.00
Energy—\$ 50.00
Religious Education—\$ 30.00
Assumption of Mary—\$ 407.00

For the week of August 22-23, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,150.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,112.05
Parish Center—\$ 50.00
Energy—\$ 40.00

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 26, 2026:
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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

Sept 05 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Ethan Birkemeier, Kiley Hilvers, Treyton Hilvers
Sept 06 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Renae Boecker, Vanessa Hilvers, Alexa Hilvers

LECTORS

Sept 05 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Julie Brickner
Sept 06 10:30 am	(Sunday)	April Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sept 05 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Bonnie Beining Host Handicapped/Choir: Makayla Unterbrink Cup-Mary's Side: Judy (Frank) Eickholt Cup-Joseph's Side: Anne Hemker
Sept 06 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Shelly Eickholt Host Handicapped/Choir: Samuel Beining Cup-Mary's Side: Cory Eickholt Cup-Joseph's Side: Erica Brickner

USHERS

Sept 05 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Randy Altenburger, Bill Beining, Ralph Burgei, Randy Warnecke
Sept 06 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Larry Beining, Matt Eickholt, Jerry Turnwald, Nancy Vetter

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sept 05 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Bob & Arlene Bendele
Sept 06 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Volunteers Needed

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Aug	31 (Mon)	Vickie Looser
Sept	01 (Tues)	Joyce Maag
Sept	02 (Wed)	May Jo Maag
Sept	03 (Thurs)	Darlene Maenle
Sept	04 (Fri)	Sarah Maenle
Sept	05 (Sat)	Dawn Mansfield
Sept	06 (Sun)	Carol Markward



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of August 30th: Lisa Vorst & Kathy Rellinger

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