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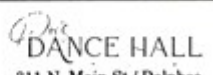
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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



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 Mass Intentions		
08/08 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	John P. Miller
08/09 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Joseph & Mary Wehri
08/10 (Monday)		No Mass
08/11 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	Donald Warnecke
08/12 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Carol Hoersten—7th Day
		Richard Meyer
08/13 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Leonard, Pauline & Richard Schnipke;
	6:00 p.m.	Rodney Menke & Eileen Halter
		Mass at St. Barbara's
08/14 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Chuck Burgei
	7:00 p.m.	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
08/15 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Family Members of Art & Margie Schmursal
08/16 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Lloyd & Leona Landin

Next Weekend's Readings - August 15-16, 2026

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

WEDDING BANNS I:

Abigail Hilvers & Logan Ridenour



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!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Time

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this **Friday, August 14th**, with Mass at **7:00 p.m.**

Although the Assumption falls on a **Saturday this year** and is not a Holy Day of Obligation, everyone is warmly invited to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother and celebrate this beautiful Solemnity of the Church.





Religious Education

Volunteers Needed!!!

Our Religious Education program operates successfully because of our volunteers.

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August 22 & 23

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Praying of the Rosary Saturdays

at 3:30 p.m.

August 8th
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August 22nd
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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 15 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Gemma Gasser, Tressel Gasser, Landen Saxton
Aug 16 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Brody Heitmeyer, Erica Knippen, Ryken Napao
LECTORS		
Aug 15 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Carl Turnwald
Aug 16 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Michelle Kortokrax
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Aug 15 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Sara (Kevin) Beining Host Handicapped/Choir: Tammy Saxton Cup-Mary's Side: Anne Hemker Cup-Joseph's Side: Judy Eickholt
Aug 16 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Megan Wehri Host Handicapped/Choir: Julie Schimmoeller Cup-Mary's Side: Linda Knippen Cup-Joseph's Side: Lois Hoersten
USHERS		
Aug 15 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Daniel Bendele, Joel Edelbrock, Jackson Sehlhorst, Randy Warnecke
Aug 16 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Riley Geise, Dan Honigford, Art Langhals, Tom Markward
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS		
Aug 15 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Art & Margie Schmursal Family
Aug 16 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Lloyd & Leona Landin
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY		
Aug 10 (Mon)		Tricia Langhals
Aug 11 (Tues)		Vivian Langhals
Aug 12 (Wed)		Erica Laudick
Aug 13 (Thurs)		Lindsey Laudick
Aug 14 (Fri)		Lois Laudick
Aug 15 (Sat)		Barbara Lause
Aug 16 (Sun)		Darlene Lause
ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING		
Weeks of Aug 8th & 16th: Kari Norbeck & Anne Hemker		
MONEY COUNTERS FOR AUGUST		
Viv Langhals, Cindy Knippen, Jann Eickholt		



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.

GRIEF SHARE

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
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We are looking for someone who is organized, dependable, and enjoys serving the parish community. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact **Judi** at the Parish Office at **419-453-3513** or icbusiness@icchurchottoville.org.

In the meantime, for all Parish Center and gym rental inquiries, please contact Jim Rhodes.

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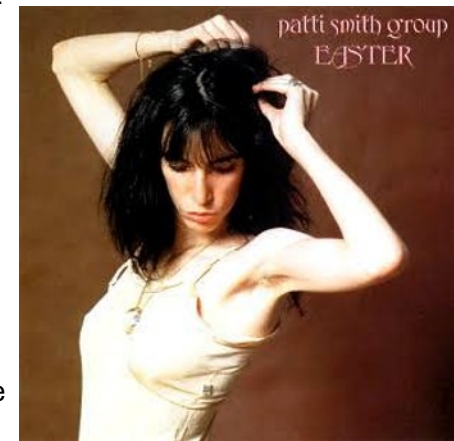
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

This past week, Pope Leo XIV made some headlines by meeting with an American musical and artistic legend, Patti Smith! Going back to Pope St. John Paul II, each pope meets with “special” people in a public fashion to say “I am with you” in regard to some aspects of their work or ministry or even lifestyle. (Pope John Paul II did so with those resisting communism. Pope Benedict was famous for meeting with scholars and Catholic traditionalists. Pope Francis was well known for meeting people who were socially or culturally marginalized.)

Pope Leo XIV has never forgotten his Chicago roots. As he said in a recent interview, he is first and foremost “The Pope” and is for all people; but, like John Paul II (who was always loyal to his homeland of Poland) he loves connecting with people back home. Patti Smith is a native Chicagoan. And who is Patti Smith?

Patti Smith is a prolific lyricist and songwriter and performer and is famous for a couple songs “Because the Night” (which she wrote with Bruce Springsteen and was covered by the Catholic Natalie Merchant and her band The 10,000 Maniacs) and “Dancing Barefoot” (which has a resurgence in the *Daisy Jones and the Six* tv show.) But, more than this, she was a very young forerunner of the 1970s Punk movement out of New York City and she composed many provocative songs (including “Gloria”; which is not the type of song you would ever hear in Church!) which led many Christians (as Patti tells it) to say to her “We are praying for your soul.” For the most part, it is not the kind of music

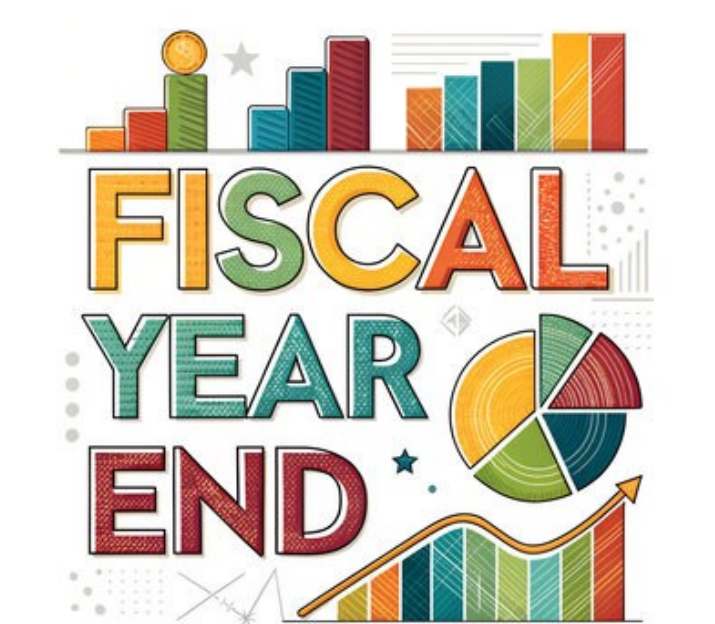


that is “gentle” on the ears, it’s an acquired taste (Patti has a very distinctive voice; soulful; and sometimes she’ll yell and use abrasive language). Yet, Patti Smith, to this day (she has become an acclaimed author) is one of those people (like a St. John the Baptist) who has something to say. She comes across as “real” and thoughtful (and well-read) and, genuine and sometimes prophetic. She is a poet. From her early Punk days (she was famous for not wearing makeup and she often dressed like “one of the guys”, and she didn’t usually comb her hair) to her quieter days of domestic life and motherhood and her husband’s alcohol problems and his early death, she has written about the full spectrum of life.

Some people evolve. Ever since the Pope Francis pontificate Patti Smith has offered to help spread the message of peace and has made herself available to the Vatican whenever she’s been in Rome. (The Catholic Church continues our wonderful history of supporting artists! Working together to give glory to God and to inspire people!) In this recent meeting, Patti’s humility was on full display. Many reports said that this bold revolutionary female rock and roll artist was “giddy” when meeting with her fellow Chicagoan, Pope Leo. She was certainly humble and happy. Pope Leo was kind, respectful, and let her be herself. (Pope Leo is apparently a fan of American songwriters from the 1960s and 1970s; including Bob Dylan, referencing his work in a recent papal document!)

To many of us, this meeting was beautiful because it represents mutual respect and the Church not “holding something against” a person who did and said provocative things in their work and youth and who did not “fit the mold” (including any kind of mold of proper “femininity”). Patti Smith was an icon in the victories of women’s self-expression in American culture. Both Leo and Patti have made a difference and have come a long way in life and it was exciting to see them together! –Fr. George Mahas—

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT	
End of Fiscal Year 2025-26	
July 1-June 30	
ORDINARY INCOME	
Sunday & Holyday Collections:	
EFT	\$73,762.00
Collections	\$210,586.04
Online Giving	\$18,230.06
SUNDAY & HOLYDAY TOTAL	\$302,578.10
Christmas & Easter Collections	\$39,075.25
Stipends & Stole Fees	\$11,005.00
Other Collections & Offerings	\$715.00
Operating Bequests & Special Gifts:	
Parish Center	\$26,246.34
Energy	\$11,855.00
Other	
OPERATING BEQUESTS & SPECIAL GIFTS TOTAL	\$38,101.34
Parish Activities Gross Receipts:	
Festival	\$65,942.90
Parish Bulletin/More	\$8,700.00
Religious Ed Income	\$51,415.80
Youth Ministry Income	\$37,268.84
PARISH ACTIVITES TOTAL	\$163,327.54
Other Income:	
Interest Earned & Divdends	\$36,101.17
Rental Income	\$21,165.00
Other	\$19,442.97
OTHER INCOME TOTAL	\$76,709.14
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	\$631,511.37
ORDINARY EXPENDITURES	
Salaries - Clergy	\$22,662.29
Salaries - Other	\$128,933.56
Payroll Taxes & Fringes	\$39,292.12
Rectory & Household	\$4,187.76
Office Expense	\$33,654.80
Transportation & Seminars	
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	\$32,553.89
Other Administrative	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$261,284.42
Parish Activities Expense:	
Festival Expense	\$21,338.91
Other Parish Activities Exp.	\$8,037.89
TOTAL PARISH ACTIVITIES EXP.	\$29,376.80
Parish Charities	
Miscellaneous Non-Administrative	\$100.00
Religious Education Expense	\$70,820.06
Youth Ministry Expense	\$18,003.94
TOTAL NON-ADMINISTRATIVE	\$88,924.00
Utilities	\$74,236.60
Building/Maintenance Supplies	\$10,864.95
Contracted Services	\$11,712.00
Repairs	\$17,690.16
Insurance	\$39,976.68
Other Building Expense	\$3,575.76
TOTAL BUILDING	\$158,056.15
Diocesan Assessment	\$42,944.61
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURES	\$580,585.98
OPERATING GAIN OR (LOSS)	\$ 50,925.39



End of Fiscal Year 2025-26	
July 1-June 30	
NON-OPERATING RECEIPTS	
Rectory Building Fund	\$2,830.00
Memorials	\$6,356.71
Church Repair Income	\$145,283.78
Living Christ Campaign Fund	\$34,805.32
ACA Rebate	\$3,357.58
Endowment Fund	\$9,602.48
Community Room	\$15,137.76
Other	\$1,024.77
TOTAL	\$218,398.40
CAPITAL EXPENSES	
Rectory Building Expenses	
Church Building Expenses	\$9.32
Community Room	\$56,108.34
Land & Building Expense - Other	
Furniture & Equipment	\$1,415.00
Church Repair Expenses	\$2,760.00
Parish Center Building Expenses	\$56,133.35
TOTAL	\$116,426.01
NET GAIN OR (LOSS)	\$152,897.78
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
As of June 30, 2026	
Checking	\$ 161,478.75
D&L Church Repair	\$ 543,706.96
D&L General Fund	\$ 339,716.94
D&L Living Christ Fund	\$ 44,913.53
General	\$ 188,427.75
Church Repair Savings	\$ 297,335.62
Religious Ed Endowment Fund	\$ 106,913.80
Bingo - ICY	\$ 378.63



As a parish family, we continue to pray for **Cory** as he begins his **second year in the Diocese of Toledo's Diaconate Discernment & Formation Program**. We are grateful for his generous response to God's call and ask that you also keep **Shelly and their girls** in your prayers as they faithfully support him on this journey of discerning the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

We are blessed by your witness of faith and willingness to serve Christ and His Church. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen your family throughout this time of formation.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Kent for celebrating Mass with us last Saturday and for the joy of celebrating the Baptism of Cory and Shelly's daughter, Amelia. As he marks his **33rd year of priestly ministry**, we are especially grateful for his faithful service, dedication, and the many blessings he has shared with our parish and beyond. May God continue to bless him in his vocation for many years to come.



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**. While he is still prayerfully discerning his topic, you can be sure it will be an inspiring and meaningful presentation

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!



Welcoming Our New Altar Servers

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our **7 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!

