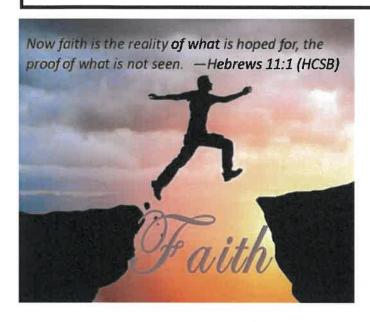
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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (2nd, 4th, and 5th 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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Mass Intentions

8/09 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Wehri

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

8/10 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's 10:30 a.m. Joseph & Mary Wehri

8/11 (Monday) No Mass

8/12 (Tuesday)

Walter Brickner 12:00 p.m.

8/13 (Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. Richard Meyer

8/14 (Thursday) (Assumption Vigil Masses)

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's 7:00 p.m. The Hurbert Byrne Family

8/15 (Friday)

8:00 a.m. Chuck Burgei

8/16 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. Dan Vorst

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

8/17 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

10:30 a.m. John & Jane Ricker; Bonnie Kimmet

Next Weekend's Readings - August 16 & 17, 2025

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53



CONGRATULATIONS! **BAPTISM on August 10th Oliver Pohlman**

Parents: Keith & Emily Pohlman



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

In loving memory of

Ray and Dan Miller



Annabelle Wisner & Josh Sarka



Weekday Mass Schedule for New Servers

Tues Aug 12th:

-Greyson & Harrison Beaubien

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

- Maggie Buss, Natalie Wehri, & Leah Maenle •

Pope Leo XIV Inspires at the **Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage**

This past weekend, Pope Leo XIV delivered a powerful and heartfelt address to one million young pilgrims gathered in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage, His message, filled with hope and conviction, encouraged the next generation to be instruments of peace and unity in a divided world.

Speaking directly to the youth, the Holy Father proclaimed:

"My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue."

Pope Leo XIV's words resonated deeply with the crowd. urging young people to be courageous witnesses of the Gospel, builders of bridges, and champions of peace in their communities and beyond.

The Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage, part of the Church's ongoing celebration of hope and renewal, served as a powerful reminder of the energy, faith, and transformative potential of today's youth. As Pope Leo XIV emphasized, the future is not something to fear—it is something to shape, with love, compassion, and unwavering faith.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

This upcoming week we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (see bulletin for Mass times and locations). If you are looking to do something special to grow in your Marian devotion, feel free to make a pilgrimage to Carey, OH, to Our Lady of Consolation Basilica and National Shrine. Carey (as noted in the bulletin a few months ago) is celebrating their 150th year of Our Lady of Consolation. Their basilica is also one of the diocesan Jubilee of Hope pilgrimage sites. Leading up to the Solemnity they are having novena days of prayer, sacraments, and devotions. Many pilgrims come from far and wide and pray for special miracles (the area is full of RVs!) The novena preacher for this year is Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M., a special man who left an impact on many in the area (including me and other area priests) during his time as Rector of the Basilica. He is a humble and brilliant bishop who is also a Franciscan friar. Born and raised in Lorain, OH, he is fluent in Spanish and in honoring "Father Francis" (Francis of Assisi) he has an inexhaustible kindness to people on

the margins. In 2014, my two Toledo classmates and I were ordained to the transitional diaconate at Our Lady of Consolation. Bishop Stowe, the Rector of the Basilica at the time (before he was a bishop) was extremely hospitable to all of our families. He returns this week to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Together, with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, they will celebrate the Vigil Mass of the Assumption, an

awe-inspiring experience (preceded by a procession) at the Basilica Park.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is special to all of us.

It is the acknowledgement that Mary was born special (the Immaculate Conception); she kept a pure and loving and trusting faith for her entire life (in good times and in bad); and she lives forever, in Heaven (Queen



of Heaven) to be our special intercessor and helper. Being lifted to Heaven, Body and Soul (Mary never died and she was never buried) gives her an eternal place with her Son and the family of faith who also live forever in Heaven. Practically speaking, we Catholics believe that Mary lives forever not only as her "reward" for her holiness; she was also chosen, by God, to hear and to help us. For centuries, Mary has been our advocate and has returned in different ways. Often, she'd have different appearances (including different clothes) in what we call Marian apparitions. Some of us have been to places like Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe and even Knock, Ireland (a recent area pilgrimage group just returned from there!) She affirms us in our faith and she inspires us. This week, do your own days of preparation and prayer to honor her special day of being elevated to Heaven. —Fr. George Mahas—

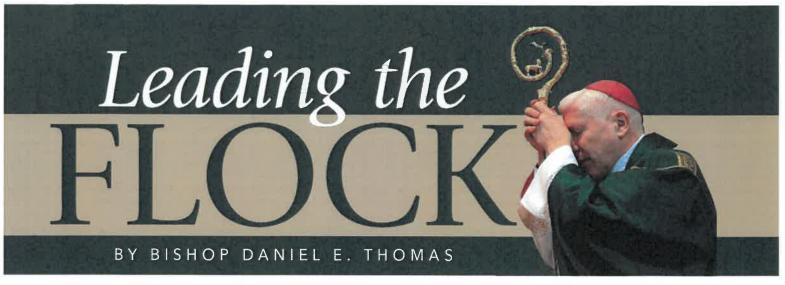
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"I will take the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13)

These words are taken from the Psalm Response most often chosen for the Ritual Mass with the Ordination of priests. In fact, it was these very words we prayed this year during the ordination of our three new priests! These words express

the sentiments of the psalmist who prays in thanksgiving that the Lord has heard his prayers and supplications. He writes: "Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." In the Ordination Mass, as we pray these words, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in the gift of new priests, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in shedding his blood to save us, and we thank the Lord that our priests live to pour themselves out for us as did Jesus himself.

Just two years ago I wrote that the Eucharist and the Priesthood are inseparable and highlighted our great need for diocesan priests in the July 2023 Leading the Flock column. At that time, we introduced a new initiative for the

Diocese of Toledo which invited everyone in our Diocese to pray one Hail Mary each day for an increase in priestly vocations, and to do some fasting or abstinence for the same intention. There is no doubt that your prayers and intentional fasting and abstinence are bearing fruit. Over a three-year period we've accepted 1, then last year 4, now this year 6 new seminarians! And more are coming!

Two years ago I observed: "While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with hope. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?" Now, we find ourselves in this Jubilee Year of Hope, called to

be Pilgrims of Hope, and recognizing signs of hope! Please join with me in renewed prayer and renewed hope for priestly vocations!



As with our Diocesan Prayer, we are committed to praying for all holy vocations, conscious in particular of the need for deacons and consecrated women religious. Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us: "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood." So in these final days of the month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I am renewing my call that every person in our diocese continue or begin to offer a daily Hail Mary, along with some weekly Friday observance of fast or abstinence, for the intention of priestly vocations for our diocese. We need men who are ready and willing to take up the chalice of selfsacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. and to offer the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass. We need men who are ready and willing to make present the Lord's

Paschal Mystery both at the altar and in their very persons. We need more priests who are happy, holy, humble, healthy, and honest. We need more priests, and with God's grace and your prayers, more priestly vocations will come.

With that in mind, this month we are launching a new initiative in sending out, over time, to all our 122 parishes, two traveling "chalices" provided by our Knights of Columbus, for the purpose of inspiring prayers for vocations, in particular priestly vocations. These are actually replicas of chalices, with an artistic representation of the body and blood. One chalice will travel through the northern counties and the other chalice will travel through the southern counties of our 19 county diocese. My intention with this

effort is to till the soil of our diocese with deep prayer asking, or better, begging the Lord to send more priests to serve in our local Church. Each chalice will spend one month on display in a prominent place in the parish church as a visible reminder for the parishioners intentionally to pray for holy vocations, with a particular emphasis on praying for priestly vocations. It may result that parishes and schools may take the initiative of having their own traveling "chalice," which could go from family to family and classroom to classroom, to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. I know some have started this already. May it continue!

It is so encouraging that we have 6 new seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo this year – the largest number of new seminarians in a decade! That raises our total number of seminarians to 14. We are already seeing the fruit of our intentional prayer, fasting and abstinence!

And where do such young men come from you might ask? They come most often from families and parishes that are striving for holiness; from families and parishes that encourage the young to serve the Church. You will find such young men at daily Mass, praying quietly in the church, attending Eucharistic adoration, stopping in for confession, or selflessly serving their neighbors. A daily habit of listening and talking with the Lord after reading from the Gospel of the day allows them to hear the voice of God, to more closely attend to the Will of God for their lives, and to act with courage and conviction.

In the recent 2025 CARA report on newly ordained priests from around our country, we find the following insightful information:

- 89% said they were encouraged by someone to consider the call to the priesthood
- 78% of them spent time in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary
- 73% attended Catholic School, either elementary, high school, or college, before entering seminary
- 72% were servers at Mass growing up
- 72% said they pray the rosary
- 66% of the newly ordained priests said it was a priest specifically who encouraged them to consider the priesthood
- 66% of the new priests were in full time employment before entering seminary
- 50% attended public school, either elementary or high school
- 46% said they served as lectors at Mass
- 15% were homeschooled
- 6% were in the military prior to entering seminary

That report also shares that the loudest voice of discouragement for a man considering the call to the priesthood can be a family member. I want to reassure all our families that it is a source of joy and grace to have a priest in the family because the priest son or brother can be,



The Diocese of Toledo's seminarians who are completing their Propaedeutic year pictured here with the traveling chalices.

removed from the Church, a genuine bridge to God. One of the most significant ways a family can support a young man considering the call to the priesthood is to promote the habit of daily prayer and openness to whatever God has in store for him, even if that may be different than what you might expect or desire for him. Openness of family members to welcome a priestly vocation may well be critical in a young man's discerning his vocation. Because God's plan is always the best plan for all our lives.

To any young man reading this column, I want to encourage you and assure you that being a priest is an amazing and rewarding life! It is a full life, a blessed life, and a life deep with meaning and purpose. Yes, you should have a natural desire for marriage and children, but if God is calling you to the priesthood, He will give you the grace to live out joyfully the life of chaste celibacy, obedience, and prayer. Quite simply, priesthood is a heroic adventure of selfless service in the person of Christ Jesus! I am confident more and more men are coming to see it as such! The same qualities that would make for a great husband and father are the same qualities we are looking for in candidates for the priesthood - loving, selfless and self-possessed, kind, prudent and sensitive, strong, faithful, dedicated to the poor and those in need, prayerful, patient, joyful, and courageous! Above all, we need men who are serious about their spiritual lives and about prayer, which brings interior peace and an abiding sense of God's presence.

Please join me in welcoming the traveling chalices throughout our diocese. May each parish take in the replica of the chalice of salvation, and may parishioners call on the name of the Lord. I am confident that these chalices will prompt us to pray for more young men who are ready and willing to respond to a priestly vocation, to take the chalice of salvation, and to call on the name of the Lord!

+ Devil & Glomes

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo July 25, 2025





Working together as a community to make our park great

Raffle Items needed for the 2025 Park Carnival

Saturday, August 30th Sunday, August 31st

Even if you are unable to attend the Ottoville Park Carnival, we still need your support and donations!!

Seeking donations for both the



KIDS RAFFLE BOOTH AND ADULT RAFFLE BOOTH

If you ar someone you know would like to donate an item or cash to purchase items for the raffle booths, please contact:

Brenda Beining 419.203.3474~~Jess Rayman 419.204.3438

Please turn in items by Sunday, August 17th

<u>Cash donations are also accepted to purchase items.</u>

Please make checks payable to "Ottoville Park Playground Equipment Fund"

and mail to Brenda Beining, PO Box 342, Ottoville, OH 45876

Volunteers Needed for Painting Help!





We are looking for a few helping hands to assist with **taping and painting** in some of our Religious Education spaces as we prepare for the upcoming year! If you're available **anytime between Monday and Thursday, August 11–14, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, we'd be so grateful for your time and support. Even an hour or two makes a big difference! Feel free to come into the parish office—we'll have the supplies ready!

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!

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



<u>Date</u>	Event	Time	Location
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!

🕲 www.putnamcouncilonaging.org



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.



ESTEMATED rrival time in OTTOVILLE IS 4:45 TO 5:00 P.M.

Bikers will be coming into 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 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 26-27, 2025

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

For the week of August 2-3, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,774.00 Loose Cash—\$ 591.00 Parish Center—\$ 323.00 Energy—\$ 140.00 Religious Education—\$ 1,172.00 July Online Giving—\$ 575.00 July EFT—\$ 7,930.00

Thank you for your generosity!



KNIGHTS NEWS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
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 6, 2025: #140—Matt & Jill Hablitzel

Making our Founder's Vision a Reality since 1993

MINISTERS OF MASS If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please do your best to find a replacement.				
SERVERS				
August 16 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Harrison Beaubien, Greyson Beaubien, Josh Brandeberry			
August 17 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Ty Horstman, Mya Horstman, Cameron Thomas			
	LECTORS			
August 16 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Matt Eickholt			
August 17 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Cheryl Beining			
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August 16 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Judy Eickholt Host Handicapped/Choir: Carlie Bellman Cup-Mary's Side: Mike Schimpf Cup-Joseph's Side: Bonnie Beining			
August 17 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Sheila Miller Host Handicapped/Choir: Brynn Horstman Cup-Mary's Side: Jim Hoersten Cup-Joseph's Side: Sarah Zeller			
	USHERS			
August 16 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Nolan Beaubien, Bill Beining, Steve Beining, Randy Warnecke			
August 17 (Sunday) 10:30 am	David Fischbach, Art Langhals, Julie Schimmoeller, Nancy Vetter			
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS				
August 16 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	The Class of 1980			
August 17 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Volunteers Needed			
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY				
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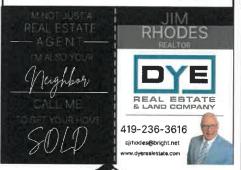
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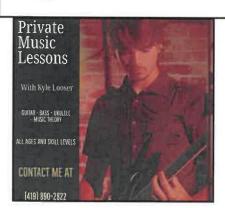






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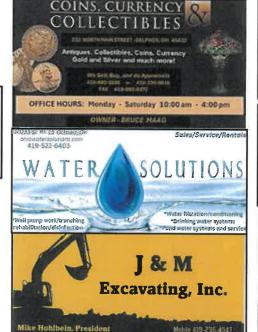


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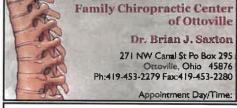
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