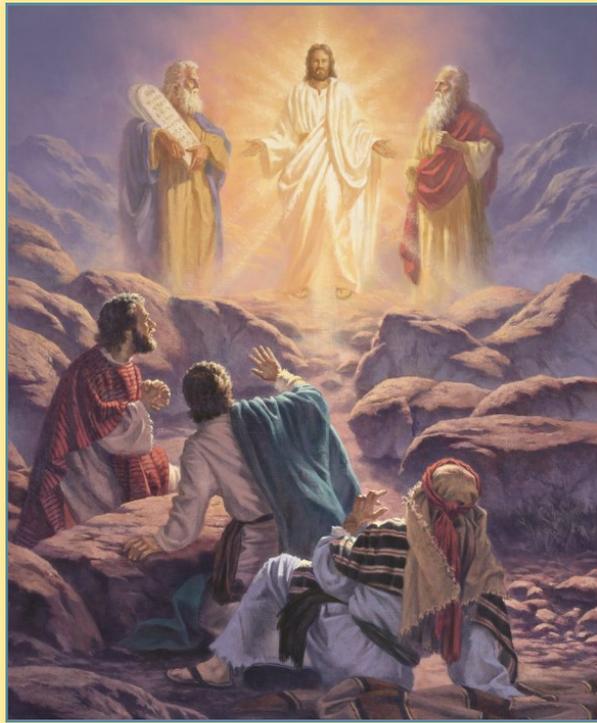


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WEDNESDAY - 8:00 a.m.
THURSDAY & FRIDAY - 8:00 a.m.
SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.



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ON WEDNESDAY.





Mass Intentions

- 02/28 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma & Rudy Gasser, Elma Kaufman (7th day)
- 03/01 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Barbara Landin
- 03/02 (Monday) No Mass
- 03/03 (Tuesday)
12:00 p.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara
- 03/04 (Wednesday)
7:50 a.m. Jack Devitt, Patricia King (30th day)
- 03/05 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Chris Gerdeman
- 03/06 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Karen Little
- 03/07 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Margie & Harry Honigford
- 03/08 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Connie Koester

Next Weekend's Readings - March 7-8, 2026

Exodus 17:3-7 | Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | Gospel: John 4:5-42



MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of
**Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma
& Rudy Gasser**



BAPTISM on March 1st
Cooper Nathaniel
Parents: Ross & Abby Schroeder
Welcome to the Church!

WEDDING BANNERS I:

Clair Inkrott &
Brendan Siefker



New Mass Ministry Schedule Available

The new Ministers of Mass Schedule is printed and copies are available for pick-up at all church entrances & in the Parish Office. Emails will not be sent out this time around. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thank you for your continued service!

Lenten Penance Service



St. Michael the Archangel, Kalida
Wednesday, March 4 at 4:00 & 7:00 pm

St. Joseph, Ft. Jennings
Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Glandorf
Wednesday, March 25 at 4:00 pm in Church and
7:00 pm in Parish Center

Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa
Monday, March 30 at 4:00pm

2-NIGHT PARISH MISSION for all:

The faith-filled, interactive live *show* highlights stewardship and the social teachings of the Church, featuring faith-in-action music.



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SHOW

March 18-19
at Immaculate
Conception



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration this Lenten Season



Sundays during Lent
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

Sara (Kevin) Beining—March 1

Peggy Pohlman—March 14

Art & Bernice Schnipke—March 21

Sara Beining—March 28



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of February 14-15, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,372.00

Loose Cash—\$ 1,206.00

Parish Center—\$ 96.00

Energy—\$ 444.00

Church Repair—\$ 170

Church in Latin America—\$ 1.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe—\$ 15.00

Black & Indian Mission—\$ 10.00

For the week of February 21-22, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,856.00

Loose Cash—\$ 1,104.00

Parish Center—\$ 56.00

Energy—\$ 200.00

Church Repair—\$ 90.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe—\$ 148.00

Black & Indian Mission—\$ 90.00

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parish community for their support before and after the loss of our Mother. We are truly blessed to have the Very Reverend George Mahas as our Pastor.

- The Elma Kaufman Family



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If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please do your best to find a replacement.

SERVERS

March 7 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Katelyn Beining, Ethan Birkemeier, Ava Wenzlick
March 8 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Gemma Gasser, Tressel Gasser, Landen Saxton

LECTORS

March 7 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Jill Wenzlick
March 8 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Beth Schnipke

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

March 7 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Sara (Kevin) Beining Host Handicapped/Choir: Christine Herman Cup-Mary's Side: Chase Furley Cup-Joseph's Side: Olesya Herman
March 8 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Lenora Schnipke Host Handicapped/Choir: Tammy Saxton Cup-Mary's Side: Samuel Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Megan Wehri

USHERS

March 7 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Matt Eickholt, Randy Warnecke Jackson Sehlhorst, Ralph Burgei
March 8 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Mike Heitmeyer, Nancy Vetter, Julie Schimmoeller, Dusty Wehri

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

March 7 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Margie & Harry Honigford
March 8 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Connie Koester

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

March 02	(Mon)	Barbara Geiger
March 03	(Tues)	Shannon Geise
March 04	(Wed)	Stephanie Geise
March 05	(Thurs)	Joann Gerdeman & Marty
March 06	(Fri)	Jennifer Gerhardstein
March 07	(Sat)	Carol Gerker
March 08	(Sun)	Donna German



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Mary Kay & Tony Schroeder: week of Mar. 1

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MARCH

Ruth Honigford, Marianne Miller, Allan Honigford



**Purse Extravaganza
Friday April 10
\$35 per ticket**



Ottoville Lady Otts Purse Extravaganza

Friday, April 10, 2026

At The Delphos Eagles

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Games start at 7pm

Included in the \$35 ticket is 1 set of cards for 20 games, light lunch and reserved seating

All proceeds go towards community projects and scholarships.

See any Lady Otts member for tickets, Express Mart,

Ottoville Bank or Call 419-235-9270

Thank you for your continued support!

The family of Dorothy Bowen would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. George for the beautiful Mass celebrated in her honor. Special thanks also for Cindy's help preparing the liturgy, along with the organist, choir members, and the Mass servers who made it so special.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to everyone who helped with the delicious luncheon, including the parishioners who provided the wonderful desserts. May God bless all of you!

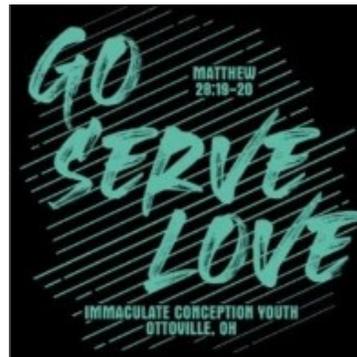
Landeck St. John the Baptist will have their annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Sunday, March 15th from 3:30 to 7:00.

We will be featuring Venedocia Sausage or Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Noodle, Chili, German Cabbage and Potato Soup, cornbread, veggies, ice cream and cookie. You can dine in or carry out. This is a Free Will Offering event.

Soup & Sandwich



2026 Unbaked Frozen Pizzaburgers
(Pre-sale Only) Pre-sale orders due Friday, 2/27



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO SUBMIT THE FORM ONLINE!



The ICY group will be doing their delicious pizzaburger fundraiser again on Wednesday, March 11th!

This year they will be taking pre-sale orders for UNBAKED, FROZEN pizzaburgers. These orders must be placed by Friday, 2/27. Pickup for these frozen orders will be March 11th (when the baked ones will be sold). You can place your order for these online (see link below) or grab a paper form from the church exits or the Parish Center. Also, new this year, they will be adding 'Church Fair' Chicken Noodle Soup to their menu!

FORT JENNINGS AMERICAN LEGION POST #715

SONS OF THE LEGION



Includes CHOICE of potato and a side.

Baked potato, home fries or french fries

Mac and cheese, coleslaw or applesauce

DINE-IN~~~ 4:30PM to 6:30PM~~~ \$12.00

~~~~Drinks Extra~~~~

Carry-Out~~~ 4:30PM to 6:30PM~~~ \$12.00

Second Sunday of Lent

Hello Friends,

Last week, shortly before the 10:30 Mass at Immaculate Conception, I received a phone call informing me of the passing of our former pastor Fr. Jerry Schetter. It was a sad shock. This week we've have been praying for Fr. Jerry's eternal reward and for consolation for his family. May he rest in peace.

As we remember during Lent, our bodies are all mortal. We know that the ashes of Ash Wednesday (in part) represent death. "Remember that you are dust, and onto dust you shall return." All the saints prayed with a spirit of humility, praying for a peaceful and holy death, because they realized that someday they too would die (some saints, including St. Jerome, the great Bible translator, are pictured with a skull nearby representing "make the most of each day"). Part of Lenten spirituality is to prepare for the Christ centered themes of Holy Week, including, very poignantly, Good Friday. We, as a Church, do not ignore death, quite the opposite. On Good Friday, we remember Christ's sacrificial death explicitly and we keep a solemn vigil. But at the same time, we are people of hope. Light is greater than darkness, and we know that death is not the end. This is why the Easter Vigil Mass is so powerful. In the meantime, Lent reminds us to be mindful of our mortality and to always make our peace with God.



Fr. Jerry was just here on Saturday (February 21) for the funeral Mass of Elma Kaufman. Many of us believe that it was providential that he came for one last Mass here before he died. Many priests were here, as was Bishop Thomas. Mrs. Kaufman's family greatly appreciated this very special Funeral Mass, which included the final commendation by Bishop Thomas. In a memorable group photograph taken by one of our choir members, Fr. Jerry can be seen in front of the tabernacle (see pic). After Mass, he visited with some of his former parishioners. I got to see him for one last time too, in the sacristy. I welcomed back the former boss. He smiled. And as one of the young Mass servers was leaving to join her

family for the funeral procession, Fr. Jerry smiled and said, "Do you remember me?" The server smiled back, indicating yes, she remembered Fr. Jerry. We certainly remember him too. His funeral Mass was on Friday, February 27, at his home parish, Holy Rosary, in St. Mary (OH).

Fr. Jerry Schetter was the Pastor of Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara from 2013-2022. We are grateful for his service. He was a friend to many and a diligent and caring Pastor. A couple weeks ago, I saw him at the Cardinal Dolan presentation in Fremont. He joked: "You got it made! You just have to walk to Church! I lived in the middle of the country and had to get plowed out every time it snowed." Building the Immaculate Conception rectory is certainly a great legacy. And of course, as many of us priests say, "If not for Fr. Jerry, St. Barbara Church may never have been rebuilt." It was a project that brought out his passion for planning, building, and being a conscientious manager. But more than buildings, it was the Sacraments and the celebrations (weddings, First Communions, OCIA, and even funerals) that gave his priestly life its greatest meaning. He was a special priestly Father, a Padre (as many of us called him), who chose (and was chosen) to be a priest after retiring from his previous employment. He nourished our faith as a priest of Jesus Christ. We are forever grateful.

God Bless you Padre Jerry! We'll miss you. Now it is time for you to be with the Great High Priest in Heaven. Thank you for your priesthood and for your life. —Fr. George Mahas—

Stations of the Cross



On Sundays during Lent at 2:00 pm in the Church

March 1—"Through the Eyes of Mary"

March 8—ICY High School Group

March 15—7th Grade Religion Class

March 22—Traditional

March 29—2nd Grade Religion Class

Congratulations to Brielle Vorst for winning her age group at the regional Knights of Columbus free throw contest this Sunday afternoon! (She's the champ of the Diocese of Toledo!)

Brielle will now move on to State competition in March in Columbus. Good Luck Brielle!



If you're interested in sewing dresses/britches for children in Africa, please contact Karen Hoersten-419-796-0174 or Lois Hoersten-419-863-9229



Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit Christian organization formed to send relief to the children of Africa. Our volunteers, from all over the world, join together to create simple little dresses. In the red dirt of Malawi, a simple idea was born to not only offer relief, but to also plant the seeds of worthiness, in the hearts of God's most vulnerable: little girls. These dresses (and now britches for boys) are distributed through orphanages, villages and schools, and simple lessons are taught on nutrition, clean water, and sanitation.

"We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope."

2026 Women's Welcome Retreat

What's missing in your life? Join us **March 28-29** for the **Women's Welcome Retreat!** Discover how a deeper relationship with Jesus can renew your spirit and provide the energy you've been seeking. Come experience a weekend of meaningful friendships and faith-filled discovery with a newfound purpose.



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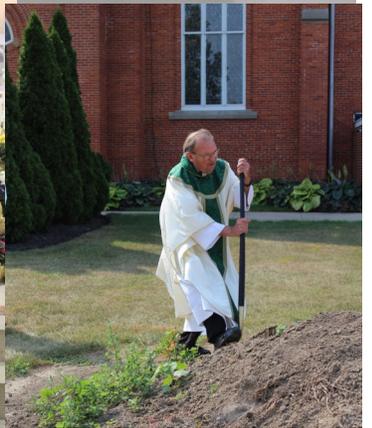
Register today to save your spot! Free for all women. For more info, and/or to sign up contact Kari Norbeck (567-204-5399) or Linda Knippen (419-236-6298) or use the QR code (right) to register.



Want to donate to the **Women's Welcome Retreat**? Donation tags are available in the church narthex. If you would like to donate, take a tag and place the purchased item in the provided tote. Any monetary donations can be put in the envelopes provided and dropped off at the Parish Office or Sunday collection. Online donation is available using the QR code (left). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

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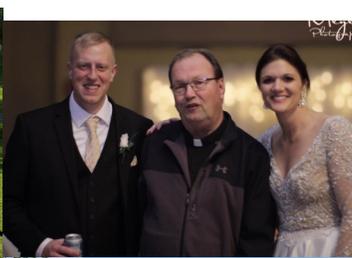
Remembering Fr. Jerry



From a Fr. Jerry bulletin column 2020

Dear Padre'...Question: Why the fear of death?

The moment of death for each of us remains a secret known to God alone, but when we might die should never be a cause of fear. Although the thought of the unknown may instill a sense of apprehension, we should be confident that death will bring us to God. With the Holy Spirit, we seek to always move in the right direction of life. And no wonder! For all who have been conceived are guaranteed one thing: they will have eternal life. The question is where? We pray and hope forever is God's loving embrace. —Padre' Jerry





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