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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.





Mass Intentions

- 01/10 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Alfred & Sue Bendele
- 01/11 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Ike & Leona Kemper
- 01/12 (Monday) No Mass
- 01/13 (Tuesday)
12:00 p.m. Philip Hilvers
- 01/14 (Wednesday)
7:50 a.m. Martha Krietemeyer
- 01/15 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Gene Byrne
- 01/16 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Chuck Burgei
- 01/17 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Chris Neinberg
- 01/18 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Bob Hilvers

Next Weekend's Readings - Jan 17 & 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

*Wedding
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to*

**Nolan & Emme
German**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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Ike & Leona Kemper



KNIGHTS NEWS

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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, January 7, 2026:
#204—Melanie Lauth**

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Parish Office Schedule Update

**SORRY WE'LL BE
CLOSED!**

Effective **Friday, January 16th**, the Parish Office will be closed on **Fridays** for the remainder of the **winter season and into spring**. Regular office hours will continue Monday through Thursday. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your understanding.



Mass Intentions Available

If you've been thinking about requesting a Mass for a loved one, now is a great time to do so! We have several Mass intention openings available for **February & March 2026**.

Wednesday, February 18th @ 7:50 a.m.
Sunday, March 1st
Wednesday, March 18th
Tuesday, March 24th
Sunday, March 29th

If you have not yet scheduled your **one weekend Mass** or **two week day Masses**, please call or stop by the **Parish Office** during regular business hours to see the available dates.

THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880.



Keeping Children & Youth Safe

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Hello Friends,

This weekend we remember a special day in the life of Jesus, his Baptism.

The Baptism of the Lord puts Bethlehem and Christmas behind us (although some flowers will remain) and begins a new year (Ordinary Time) that will, later this winter, lead us into Lent. While not as popular as Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord is still a beautiful celebration.

For one thing, it is Jesus' coming-out moment. It marks the beginning of his (and his Father's) unforgettable public revelations. In reading the Gospels, you know that timing was everything to Jesus. All of his great work was timed for maximum impact (to inspire faith). In the case of his Baptism, it signaled that he was ready to "go to work". He was already 30 years old and like all 30-year-olds he had a full sense of life and its cycles. He was ready to leave his mark on the world in areas that mattered the most (life, death, and ever-lasting life).

The Baptism of the Lord reflects what God was going to do, namely, what Jesus was going to do with his life. Jesus' presence was going to be felt, one miracle, one teaching, and one revelation at a time. The heavens were opened up and a voice that could not be attached to any human person because it had so clearly come from a higher place said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As the water was still dripping from Jesus, and as he eventually looked into the faces of those gathered around him, no doubt, this was the beginning of people keeping their eyes on Jesus, day after day if they could, and some, for the rest of their lives. Jesus was going to do beautiful and amazing things.

We all have our beginning stories. This weekend is a unique beginning story. Advent honored the story of Jesus coming into the world before his birth. Christmas was the time of his birth. The Baptism of the Lord is also a "beginning story" of how he had God the Father's blessing and that everyone should listen to Him.

But why was the sinless Jesus baptized? As many of the great saints dating back to St. Ambrose have said, "He was baptized for us, rather than himself". Jesus chose to validate all the work of the "Last Prophet" (of the biblical era) and prepare people for a new Baptism. Jesus was going to "take over" and take the lead after John prepared a path for him. So, God saved the "best was for last" for John (for shortly after, John would be arrested and martyred), allowing him to baptize The Lamb of God. As John was finishing up, Jesus' Apostles would later take over the work of offering a new Baptism.



Jesus would command that his Apostles baptize people (with a Trinitarian Baptism) that was a source of forgiveness and would forever also be a source of spiritual permanence. For, as the Baptized, we (all of us with a valid Baptism, which is a universal Sacrament) are sealed in relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's forever and unrepeatable (we renew our baptismal vows, but we do not get rebaptized). We are all sons and daughters of God. Jesus, baptized in the waters of the Jordan, was called "Son", he was ready for the work he was born to do. The Trinity blessed waters of this world. This was for the sanctification and the salvation of souls moving forward. We are also, as the baptized, all sons and daughters of God. This is the beginning. The beginning of Jesus' great revelations and great work. Much more was to

come! –Fr. George Mahas— (Thanks again for the prayers for safe travels! Looking forward to a New Year!)

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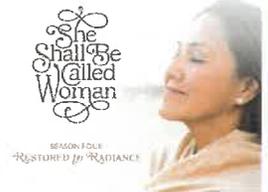
Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 19th**, in observance of the holiday. We will resume normal business hours on **Tuesday, January 20th**. Thank you for your understanding.

Looking for a New Year's Resolution? Grow in Faith!

As we begin a new year, consider deepening your relationship with the Lord by joining one of our faith formation groups for men and women.

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey created to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. This program offers a welcoming space for women to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in faith. Through authentic conversation, engaging speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, women are equipped for a profound spiritual journey. Sessions meet weekly on **Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings** at the Ottoville Parish Center.

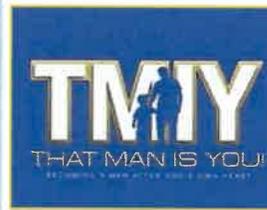
Starting This Week!



Spring Session begins:

- Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. (Chamber Room)
 - Saturday, January 17th at 8:00 a.m. (Family Room)
- Sessions are not progressive—come when you can! Babysitting is available upon request. Please contact **Beth at 419-230-5740**. All women are welcome! Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com.

Men are invited to join **That Man Is You (TMIY)** as the group resumes on **Saturday, January 17th**, from **6:30–7:30 a.m.**



(doors open at 6:00 a.m.). Due to demolition in the K of C Room, meetings will temporarily be held in the **Family Room**, with entry through the **north-facing door near the Boy Scout room**.

Start the year strong by growing in faith and fellowship—we hope you'll join us!

FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST



When: Sunday, January 25, 2026

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Who: Boys & Girls ages 9-14
(Age as of January 1, 2026)

Participation prizes for all!

Any questions, please call Steve Beining
at 419-233-0911

Event Sponsored by the Ottoville Knights of Columbus—Council 2238

Fun, fellowship, and friendly competition—everyone welcome!

Poinsettia Pick-Up

Those who donated poinsettias for the church during the Christmas season are welcome to pick them up after Mass on **Sunday, January 11th**.

Thank you again for your generosity and for helping to make our church so beautiful during the Christmas Season!



2026 MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

We invite men of the parish and all surrounding parishes to come join us for the 2026 Men's Welcome Retreat, to be held at **Glandorf St. John's parish center** **January 31st - February 1st. It begins at 8am Saturday morning and runs until 3pm Sunday.**

Set aside this weekend to grow deeper in your faith and become a happier, more fulfilled person. This retreat is great for adult men 18+. It's an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what's missing from your life and what to do about it. It's also a great place to build long-lasting friendships with men of similar interests.

For more info, and/or to sign up please contact:

Darren Schimmoeller (419) 302-1745, Sam Beining (419) 230-6556, or Jeremy Ebert (419) 569-3942 or use the QR code to register.



In addition to donating to Immaculate Conception Parish through traditional weekly offerings, please consider some other popular methods of giving.

These include making a bequest to the parish in your Will or Trust, so that upon your passing the parish will benefit. Consult your Estate Planner for details.

Also, if you have a Required Minimum Distribution, (RMD), you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, (QCD) to Immaculate Conception Parish. You can roll over 401(k) dollars to an IRA, transferring the money directly from the IRA to the parish for it to count as the tax-free transfer. You don't need to itemize your deductions to get a tax benefit from the gift. Making the tax-free transfer also keeps the money out of your adjusted gross income. This can prove beneficial to you and our parish. Always consult your accountant and financial advisor first.

Another great option is to join our growing **ONLINE Giving**. You can access this and set up your account by visiting the Immaculate Conception Website, following this link, <https://www.osvhub.com/icchurchottoville/giving/funds> or QR Code



THANK YOU!

OTTOVILLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Call in registration for kindergarten students planning to enroll in the 2026-2027 school year is scheduled for January 5-16, 2026

To register, please call the **Elementary Office** at **419-453-3357** between **9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.**

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be **5 years of age on or before August 1, 2026**



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Upcoming Basketball Games

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026

1:30 p.m.—Ottoville High School Girls vs. Kalida

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

8:00 a.m.—Ottoville Green 5th Grade Girls vs. Miller City

9:00 a.m.—Ottoville White 5th Grade Girls vs. Continental

1:00 p.m.—Ottoville 5th Grade Boys vs. Leipsic Purple

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. Ottoville Green 5th Grade Girls Vs. Continental

10:00 a.m.—Ottoville 6th Grade Boys Vs. Columbus Grove White

11:00 a.m.—Ottoville 6th Grade Girls Vs. Kalida





Putnam County Council on Aging

Building for Today, Growing for Tomorrow

For more than 20 years, our building, originally a car dealership, has been the home of the Putnam County Council on Aging. From here, we've delivered essential services such as transportation, chore assistance, and outreach to help residents age 60 and better remain safe and independent.

Over the past decade, demand for our services has more than doubled. Our current facility no longer meets the needs of our staff, programs, or visiting service providers, and several areas are underutilized, or outdated.

Our Board of Directors, representing communities across Putnam County, bring local perspective to every decision—ensuring that our programs and services reflect the needs of older adults throughout the county.

Since 2015, we've expanded services with A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention, a Medical Equipment Loan Closet, Aging in Place Home Assessments, Rock Steady Boxing, and a full range of wellness and social activities. While some events are held in our conference room, the addition will provide a larger, flexible space, allowing us to host more programs on-site while continuing our "On the Go" activities in communities across the county.

This project will create a functional, welcoming, and future-ready facility—helping more older adults stay independent, connected, and active for years to come.



Contact Us
419-523-4121



Visit Our Website
www.putnamcouncilonaging.org

Putnam County Right to Life is hosting a Rally for Life on **January 18th from 2 pm to 4 pm** in **Glandorf St John's Parish Center.**

Our guest speaker is Linda Theis, a long-time pro-life warrior. Some members of our Students for Life groups will also attend. We invite all to join us for pro-life inspiration.

FREE

Senior Citizen's



Sponsored by: *Ottoville Rosary Altar society*

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Ottoville Parish Center –Banquet Hall
(Parking & Entrance off of Church St., East side of the Parish Center Building)

Snacks will be provided

***RSVP by Monday, January 26th to the Parish Office*
419-453-3513**

(If Level 1 or greater snow rating-BINGO will be CANCELLED)

Springs
IN THE
DESERT

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss.

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 15th 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** or **Wendy Schimmoeller** at **(419)236-0522.**

It is our honor to walk with you!

HEALING FOR A CAREGIVER'S
Heart

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the makeup date is March 28.

A retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers.
Presented by Carol Kurwial & Kristen (Kurwial) Hug of Luminous Ministries.

RETREAT: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LUNCH INCLUDED

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204 W. WAYNE STREET, MAUMEE, OH 43537

REGISTER: [HTTPS://TOLEDODIOCESE.ORG/FOX.COM/CARETAKERS-RETREAT](https://toledodiocese.org/fox.com/caretakers-retreat) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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

**January 10th
Sara (Kevin) Beining**

**January 17th
Anne Hemker**

**Art & Bernice Schnipke
January 24th**



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of December 27-28, 2025

- Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,785.00
- Loose Cash—\$ 827.50
- Parish Center—\$ 8.00
- Energy—\$ 65.00
- Immaculate Conception—\$ 10.00
- Christmas—\$ 1,230.00
- Church Repair—\$ 1.00
- Initial Offering—\$ 35.00

January 1, 2026

- Sacrificial Offering—\$ 25.00
- Loose Cash—\$ 50.00
- Christmas—\$ 320.00
- Initial Offering—\$ 75.00
- Solemnity of Mary—\$ 315.00
- Retirement for Religious—\$ 5.00

For the week of January 3-4, 2026

- Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,237.00
- Loose Cash—\$ 1,061.00
- Parish Center—\$ 519.00
- Energy—\$ 120.00
- Solemnity of Mary—\$ 329.00
- Christmas—\$ 550.00
- Church Repair—\$ 20.00
- Initial Offering—\$ 358.00
- December Online Giving—\$ 2,370.83
- December EFT—\$ 8,400.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTERS OF MASS

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

SERVERS

January 17 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Madison Burgei, Mackenzie Deitering, Cassidy Deitering
January 18 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Ella Crossgrove, Sophia Druckemiller, Natalie Wehri

LECTORS

January 17 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Matt Eickholt
January 18 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Cheryl Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 17 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Carli Schnipke Host Handicapped/Choir: Judy (Frank) Eickholt Cup-Mary's Side: Theodore Herman Cup-Joseph's Side: Christina Herman
January 18 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Nancy Vetter Host Handicapped/Choir: Megan Wehri Cup-Mary's Side: Shelly Eickholt Cup-Joseph's Side: Julie Schimmoeller

USHERS

January 17 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Steve Beining, Daniel Bendele, Allan Honigford, Kirt Martz
January 18 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Riley Geise, Art Langhals, John Vetter, Dusty Wehri

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

January 17 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	The Family of Chris Neinberg
January 18 (Sunday) 10:30 am	The Family of Bob Hilvers

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Jan 12 (Mon)	Karen Calvelage
Jan 13 (Tues)	Mallorie Calvelage
Jan 14 (Wed)	Marilyn Calvelage
Jan 15 (Thurs)	Stacy Calvelage
Jan 16 (Fri)	Julia Caskey
Jan 17 (Sat)	Ashley Clementz
Jan 18 (Sun)	Judy Clements



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