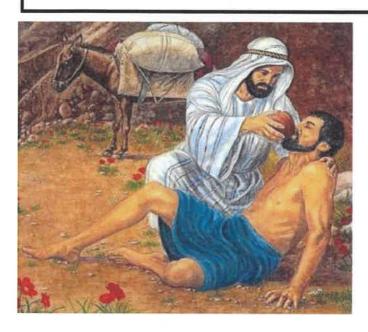
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

7/12 (Saturday) Margie Byrne 30th Day

4:00 p.m. Arthur & Diane Ricker 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

7/13 (Sunday)

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

10:30 a.m. Leonard, Pauline & Richard Schnipke

Rodney Menke & Eileen Halter

7/14 (Monday) No Mass

7/15 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

7/16 (Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. Joan Turnwald

7/17 (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. Ralph Koester

6:00 p.m. Ma

Mass at St. Barbara's

7/18 (Friday)

8:00 a.m.

Ike & Florence Miller & The Deceased

Members of the Miller Family

7/19 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. Elmer & Armella Martz 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

7/20 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's 10:30 a.m. Margery Kroeger

Next Weekend's Readings - July 19 & 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

In memory of **Margie Byrne**

A Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to

Nancy Vetter for her many faithful years of service in
keeping our church sanctuary clean and welcoming.

Your dedication and care have been deeply
appreciated by our entire church family.

We're also grateful to **Mary Kay & Tony Schroeder** for graciously stepping in to continue this important work.

Thank you both for your willingness to serve!



Weekday Server Schedule for New Servers

Wednesday July 16th—Kendall Norbeck & Sophia Selhorst Thursday July 17th—Kendall Norbeck & Sophia Selhorst Friday July 18th—Kendall Norbeck & Sophia Selhorst

Tuesday July 22nd—Greyson & Harrison Beaubien (12 p.m.)
Wednesday July 23rd—Claire Burnett, Leah Maenle & Ava Wenzlick
Thursday July 24th—Claire Burnett, Leah Maenle & Ava Wenzlick
Friday July 25th—Claire Burnett, Leah Maenle & Ava Wenzlick

Altar Servers

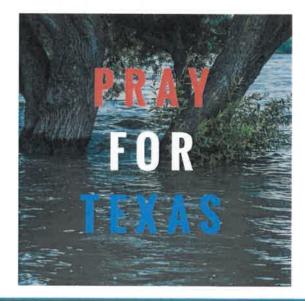
Heavenly Father,

With heavy hearts, we lift up the people of Texas in the wake of devasting floods. We ask that Your comfort and peace surround those grieving unimaginable loss—especially the families of the children who tragically perished at Camp Mystic.

Bring healing to the injured and renew the strength of the first responders who serve so selflessly in rescue and recovery.

Provide for those who have lost their homes and possessions—grant them shelter, provision, and hope. We pray for the safe return of the missing and for the waters to recede swiftly.

In the midst of sorrow and uncertainty, may Your love and mercy be deeply felt by all who are suffering. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen



Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

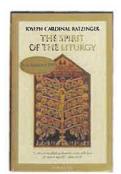
This Sunday is the annual St. Barbara Parish Social! Thank you to the leaders and volunteers for making it a great and successful experience. The BBQ Chicken Dinner is a Putnam County favorite and it never disappoints!

Thank you for the prayers as I return to OH. On Saturday (12th), I will be celebrating a Wedding Mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Cleveland. The young couple met at Bowling Green University while he was on the football team (quarterback). Like many young couples they experienced moves (he even transferred to Auburn to play in the SEC). He, Grant, is from the New Washington/North Auburn area where I was once assigned. I had his grandfather's funeral over a year ago and that is when he and his fiancé, Olivia, asked if I'd celebrate their wedding. So, after their wedding, I will be here for the Sunday masses. Thank you again for the prayers for safe travel (and an improved 3-point shot!) And thank you to Fr. John and Fr. Steve for their ministry during my time away.

You may have noticed that among the upcoming activities in our area is the "Canal Side Chats" (check bulletin for details). Last month, Fr. Charles Obinwa (before beginning his new assignment in Monroeville) gave a talk about the Spiritual Life. This Wednesday I'll share some "mission points" from our recent popes. Here are a few of the points that I plan on sharing:

Pope St. John Paul II: Among the many lasting contributions and teachings from this Polish pope (who came of age during the years of WWII and even Communism) is a detailed respect for human life. All of us are called to respect all life and have a special and spiritual sense of our bodies and the bodily identity of everyone. His teachings, delivered in his early catechetical talks, became popularly known as ****The.Theology.of.the.Body* i** "Respect your own body; respect others; and understand God's plans for you as it relates to your physical and spiritual life."

Pope Benedict XVI: Pope Benedict (Joseph Ratzinger) emerged from his work in the Curia (Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith) to become pope, and right away he gave emphasis to the serious and even solemn and reverential worship and prayer we can offer at Mass or Adoration. Pope Benedict gave permission for the fuller return of the "traditional" Latin Mass. We can grow in our faith and even be a stronger church if we are devout, serious and reverential (priests and laypeople). Pope Benedict encouraged us to deep engagement with the mysteries and the "*Spirit.of.the.Liturgy* "a title of his earlier books."



Pope Francis: Pope Francis chose this name, honoring Francis of Assisi who was the beloved

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

saint of the margins of society (St. Francis and his friars lived outside of the center of this ancient Italian village). In some ways, Pope Francis was a challenge to many Catholics. This was intentional on his part. "Never forget those who have it worse than you. Never forget those who suffer from poverty, war, exploitation, oppression and anyone on the margins!" Pope Francis famously said, "The.Church.is.like.a.Field.Hospital* for all the wounded. Healed and sent is a mission of the Church. Do not discriminate when it comes to Christ's mercy.

Pope Leo XIV: He's just getting started, but a particular lesson we can already glean from his papal ministry is **Keep.Calm
 Listen and be inclusive to what was and anticipate what will be. Be prudent, be patient, have a plan (but don't force anything), and always be ready to defer to the Holy Spirit who guides and reveals in due time.

Again, see the bulletin for details about this upcoming *Canal Side Chat* presentations and discussions! Thank you to the leaders of TMIY for organizing! –Fr. George Mahas—

2025 VBS Project: **Honoring Blessed Carlo Acutis**

As part of this special tribute, a **statue of Blessed** Carlo Acutis will be created to inspire our parish community and youth for years to come. A modern example of holiness and devotion to the Eucharist.



Want to be part of this meaningful project? Donations are now being accepted!

Contributions can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours or placed in the after-hours drop box.

Your generosity will help bring this inspiring tribute to life. Thank you for your support and for helping us share the light of Blessed Carlo's faith with the next generation!

2025 VBS Project

The VBS kids have done some amazing projects over the years! Our 2025 project will be their biggest one yet!

2021: Raised \$1,881.03 for St. Catherine's Embrace

2022: Raised \$2,916.46 for Heartbeat of Lima & Putnam Co.

2023: Rosary Garden with Our Lady of the Rosary statue (\$4,787.72)

2024: New chalice & paten for church (\$5,332.92)

2025: A Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis life size statue for our beautiful immaculate Conception Campus!



The Blessed Carlo Acutis statue will consists of:

- Life size statue sitting on a
- Soccer ball under his foot
- Dog and Backnack
- Bible, rosary & game
- controller next to him

Lapton

This picture is from Immaculate Conception parish in Toledo, where they recently installed this statue.

Carlo Acutis (May 3, 1991 - October 12, 2006) was a young Italian Catholic who was beatified in 2020, by Pope Francis and is in the process of canonization, set for September 7th, 2025. He is known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his use of technology to spread the Gospel

This Saint may have some things to teach his companions in Heaven- with hobbies like Pokémon, Nintendo, soccer, Spider-Man, and computer programming. His canonization is due the the heroic virtue he demonstrated during his life, his devotion to Christ as shown to the Blessed Sacrament, and the holiness exhibited during the suffering of his final days.
"The Eucharist is the highway to heaven." `Blessed Carlo Acutis

If you would like to contribute to this VBS Project, donations are being accepted now! We look forward to having this statue on our campus, allowing kids of all ages to connect to this millennial saint!





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As a parishioner, you have FREE access to this amazing resource! Formed is a streaming platform that offers on-demand content to help you explore and grow in your faith. Movies, children's programs, ebooks, documentaries, etc. direct to your browser.

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Volunteers Needed—Envelope Stuffing for Parish Festival

We're looking for helping hands to prepare mailings for our upcoming **Parish Festival!** If you have a couple of hours to spare, please join us for an envelope-stuffing session.

Date: Tuesday, July 29th Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: K of C Room in Parish Center

This is a simple but important way to support our festival—and a great chance to enjoy some fellowship while helping out!

Thank you for your time and willingness to serve!

**Rosary Prayer
Organizer Needed**

The Altar Rosary Society is seeking a woman to help coordinate rosary prayers for the month of August. This role involves calling the ladies of the parish to invite them to pray the

If you are interested,
please contact

Kay Langhals at 419-233-9588

rosary.



MEN—Join us for "Canal.Side.Chats"

This is a casual, relaxed gathering where **adult men** can gather, grow in faith and get to know our local priests better. Last month, Fr. Charles Obinwa was our speaker.

Canal.Side.Chat.Preview –
This Wednesday July 16th at 7:30 PM at
Canal Side Burgers and Brew
Join us as Fr. George shares "mission points" from recent popes that continue to shape the Church's vision today:

- **Pope St. John Paul II** emphasized the sacredness of human life and the spiritual meaning of our bodies through his *Theology of the Body* teachings.
- **Pope Benedict XVI** encouraged reverence in worship, especially through the Mass and Adoration, urging deep engagement with the mystery of the liturgy.
- **Pope Francis** challenges us to remember and care for those on the margins, reminding us that "the Church is a field hospital" for the wounded.
- **Pope Leo XIV** (our current pope) invites us to lead with calm, patience, and openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Future talk: Father Phil Smith (tentatively August 27)

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!



St. Barbara Parish Festival—Cloverdale Sunday, July 13th—10:30 AM to 6:00 PM



Join us for a day of food, fun, and festivities at the St. Barbara Parish Festival in Cloverdale!



BBQ Chicken & Pork Dinners Served from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM— Dine in or carry-out!

Grand Prize Drawing—\$1,000! Be there for the Big Ticket Drawing at 6:00 PM!



Plus enjoy:

Lunch Stand Beer Tent **Kids Games** Raffle Booth Bingo Cash Drawings **Bicycle Drawings** And so much more!

Bring the whole family for a great time! Everyone is welcome!

Putnam County Right to Life is very grateful for all the generous support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to thank all who stopped at our fair booth, all who gave a donation, all who helped spread our message of life, & all who volunteered to witness in our booth this year: Ruth Foppe, Nancy Benroth, David & Rita Iliff, Leon & Helen Meyer, Bill & Melida Bockrath, Diane Kaufman, Mary Ann Inkrott, Herm & Rita Borgelt, Roger Brickner, Mary Grote, Connie, Millie, Irene, & Mathilda Recker, Diane Inkrott & Christine, Carl & Dee Luersman, Karl & Elaine Steffan, Chase Maag, Paul & Marlene Kleman,

Mike & Ruth Ellerbrock, & Mark & Ann Warnecke. THANK YOU!



Flash Flooding Disaster Relief **Collection Announcement:**

Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold number of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by deadly flash floods across six counties in Central Texas. More than 100 have perished and the death toll is expected to rise as search and recovery efforts continue.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website or mail a check made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Please designate your donation for Flash Floods.

Checks can be mailed to:

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/

Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need!





The Ottawa Senior Citizens Invite You To Lunch In The Park—July 17, 2025



🖰 🕽 Time: 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Location: 1035 East Third St. Ottawa, OH

45875

Menu Options:

*Smoked Pork Chop Platter (with baked potato & green beans)

*Hot Beef Platter

*Brats Platter

All platters come with potato chips, applesauce, & dessert

Drinks & extra desserts also available!

h Live Entertainment: Enjoy music in the Gazebo by **Bob Clark**



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Save the Date: Our next Lunch in the Park is on August 21,2025

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

July 12th Sara (Kevin) Beining

> July 19th Deb Burgei

July 26th Peggy Pohlman



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of June 28-29 2025

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For the week of July 5-6, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,480.00 Loose Cash—\$ 633.00 Parish Center—\$ 402.00 Peter's Pence—\$ 374.00 June EFT—\$ 8,430.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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MEETING DATES:

2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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SERVERS	
July 19 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Treyton Hilvers, Jade Schnipke, Ty Schnipke
July 20 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Erica Knippen, Karlee Leis, Joe Leis
LECTORS	
July 19 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Carl Turnwald
July 20 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Rochelle Trenkamp
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	
July 19 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Carli Schnipke Host Handicapped/Choir: Mike Schimpf Cup-Mary's Side: Carlie Bellman Cup-Joseph's Side: Olesya Herman
July 20 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Brynn Horstman Host Handicapped/Choir: Sarah Zeller Cup-Mary's Side: Sheila Miller Cup-Joseph's Side: Megan Wehri
USHERS	
July 19 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Brian Altenburger, Daniel Bendele, Tim Eickholt, Allan Honigford
July 20 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Larry Beining, Tom Markward, Mark Turnwald, Dusty Wehri
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS	
July 19 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Family of Elmer & Armella Martz
July 20 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Family of Margery Kroeger
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY	
July 14 (Mon) July 15 (Tues) July 16 (Wed) July 17 (Thurs) July 18 (Fri) July 19 (Sat) July 20 (Sun)	Jami Schroeder Kristy Sehlhorst Victoria Sickels Jean Steele Christina Steffan Pam Suever Crista Swint
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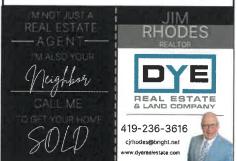
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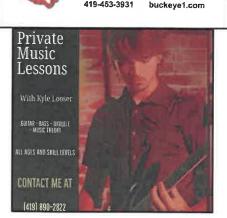
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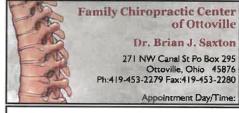
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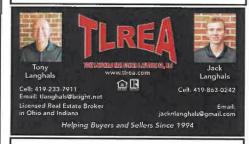




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