

July 26-27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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VBS 2025





Mass Intentions

7/26 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m. Orval Eickholt
	5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
7/27 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m. Henry & Mary Kemper
7/28 (Monday)	No Mass
7/29 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. Chuck Burgei
7/30 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m. Chuck Dunbar
7/31 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m. Bud & Julie Hemker, Matt Hemler
	6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
8/01 (Friday)	8:00 a.m. Patty Romes & Diane Verhoff
8/02 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m. John P. Miller
	5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
8/03 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m. Donald "Tiner" Altenburger

Next Weekend's Readings - August 2& 3, 2025

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Support VBS and Their Project Goal!

Still looking for ways to help VBS reach their goal for this year's project? Check out our merchandise available for purchase!

Order forms are available in the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. Order forms & payment can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of our kids and this incredible project!



CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTISM on July 27th

Cole Martin

Parents: Kyle & Kristin Martin

Weekday Server Schedule for New Servers

Wed. July 30th—Taylor Turnwald, Kinley Turnwald & Ava Wenzlick
Thurs. July 31st—Taylor Turnwald, Kinley Turnwald & Ava Wenzlick
Fri. August 1st—Taylor Turnwald, Kinley Turnwald & Ava Wenzlick

Wed. August 6th—Gemma Gasser, Kendall Norbeck & Charlotte Cross
Thurs. August 7th—Gemma Gasser, Kendall Norbeck & Charlotte Cross
Fri. August 8th—Gemma Gasser, Kendall Norbeck & Charlotte Cross

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Saturday, August 2, 2025
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



Please consider joining us for all four days—or even part of one day—to pray for more vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

Msr. Tad Oxley, Fr. David Kidd, and Fr. Joseph Molinee will be walking 65+ miles over the course of four days in prayer and sacrifice for an increase in vocations to the Diocesan priesthood.

If you can walk with us...

- Meet at the departure location for that day.
- Bring water and a packed lunch.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Plan for transportation back to your vehicle at the end of the day.

If you cannot walk with us...

- Join us in prayer and fasting for vocations to the Diocesan priesthood throughout these four days.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Start: 2:00pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bono
End: 7:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, Genoa

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Start: 9:00am
Our Lady of Lourdes, Genoa
End: 5:30pm
Saint Joseph, Fremont

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Start: 9:00am
Saint Joseph, Fremont
End: 6:00pm
Saint Mary, Tiffin

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Start: 8:00am
Saint Mary, Tiffin
End: 5:00pm
Our Lady of Consolation, Carey



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Hello Friends,

Thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Vacation Bible School week a great and joyful experience! We also thank the Lord for bringing us together and giving us good summer weather. Thank you to everyone who assisted us (this year) in improving the Banquet Hall (such as new lights, new paint and remodeled bathrooms). This gathering space is now better than ever! The VBS students were happy and they were engaged with the positive message of "Trust Jesus!" They learned that practicing the faith together can be joyful and fun. Thank you to our wonderful and amazing leaders and volunteers who do great things for the children and for the community! And thank you to everyone for supporting the Blessed Carlo Acutis statue fund! We are looking forward to honoring this soon-to-be saint!

There is a theme in the readings this weekend that is near and dear to all of our hearts: prayer.

As we know, there are many Catholic prayers and many ways of praying. Jesus gave us a prayer to always rely on: The Our Father. The Our Father prayer is an affirmation that God is love, that God hears, and that God is in charge. But the prayer also reminds us that we have responsibilities ("...as we forgive those who trespass against us.") In prayer, give your heart to God, but also be mindful of what you can do that will be pleasing to God. Remember, when you pray the Our Father you are praying for everyone in God's family (especially those who need help the most).

Jesus also emphasized the importance of being persistent in prayer. There are many reasons for this. Recall Jesus' own life. When he could have been doing something else (gaining converts; or healing people; or multiplying food,) he chose to interrupt his usual work for personal time in prayer. Prayer is not selfish if it is oriented to the greater good. Prayer is spiritual work. Jesus was setting the example that without it we'd be lacking something vital and important. We cannot thrive on our own. We need grace and help from Heaven. Praying regularly, in a humble yet confident way, consecrates the person to God. For those of us consecrated by the Church (priests and religious), we know that it was prayer, our regularly scheduled prayer (in seminary or the convent) and the extra prayer that we did everyday whether it was in the chapel or outside or in the privacy of our own room, that shaped us into the spiritually oriented people we became. Prayer keeps us focused and grounded. As the students learned during VBS, "If you keep Jesus close to you, in prayer, and receiving the Sacraments, you are never alone."

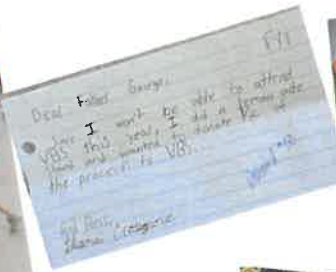


This weekend, we also have the example of Abraham famously "negotiating" (Abraham talked to God in many ways) with God. Abraham was attempting to save people who were otherwise deserving of God's wrath. "Please", said Abraham to God, "Let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten (good) people there?" Abraham was being clever and compassionate looking for a way to "save" as many people as could, wayward people who did not have a good relationship with God. Sometimes, we pray like Abraham, knowing our prayers might be their only spiritual hope. "For the sake of the ten, I will not destroy it", said the Lord about the

sinful cities. All of this was a credit to Abraham and it is an allegory for any one of us who step up to pray for others. The lesson: see the good even when the good is nearly overwhelmed by the bad and pray that through the grace of God, many people may be saved. Keep your prayer life active for yourself and for others!

—Fr. George Mahas—

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World





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!



St. Catherine's Embrace Annual Outreach Volunteer Training

St. Catherine's Embrace is a local outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage or stillbirth. Through trained volunteers from each parish, we provide resources and an engraved Keepsake Box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. Are you interested in becoming an outreach volunteer in your parish?

It's simple—and very rewarding. We have a meeting followed by a training session scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Glandorf.**

Please call or text **Mary Beth Weisenburger** at **(419)980-8065** or email scembrace@gmail.com to register. See our FB page and our website www.stcatherinesembrace.org for more information about this important local ministry!

ROCK for CHRIST CONCERT & FELLOWSHIP

Hosted by LANDECK ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring a lawn chair and stay awhile

FOOD Family-friendly event

Free will offering

<p>AUG 2, 2025 11 AM TO 3 PM @ LANDECK SHELTER HOUSE DELPHOS, OHIO</p>	<p>MUSIC BY: *LANDECK PRAISE AND WORSHIP 5:30PM MASS *SPENCERVILLE TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAISE BAND *JUSTIFIED *ERASTUS FAMILY BAND</p>
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Prayer Request & Opportunity to Help – Kidney Donor Needed



Steve Hoersten is currently seeking a kidney donor. He has been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease that has severely affected his kidneys and is now undergoing home dialysis.

If you feel called to explore becoming a donor, the process begins with a short health survey through **The Ohio State University Medical Center**. It takes about 15 minutes and helps determine eligibility for the next steps:

[Living Kidney Donation | Ohio State Medical Center](https://www.osu.edu/healthcare/living-donation)



If you have questions, please reach out to Stephanie at **419-233-0273**.

The Hoersten family deeply appreciates your continued thoughts and prayers during this time.

Thank you,

Steve, Carol & the Hoersten Family



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!

Jim Murray Memorial Golf Outing and Scholarship Luncheon Saturday, August 16th, 2025 Shot gun start at 8:00am Maumee Bay Golf Course

All proceeds will go to the Jim Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund for
Creighton Practitioners and Instrumental Music Education.
See the website for more information: <https://jimmurraryscholarship.org>

Cost - \$85.00

Includes:

- 18 holes with cart
- Mulligans for each team
- Goody bag
- Lunch provided by "Deets Barbeque"
- Prizes awarded for:

Closest to the pin, men/
women
Longest Drive, men/
women
Longest Putt
First Place Prize



This year we will remember
Kathy Hamilton in a special
way. Jim and I met through
Kathy and we will be
playing on her birthday.

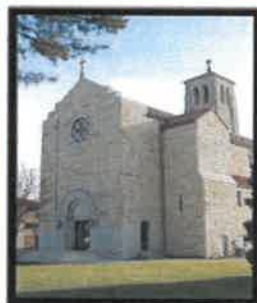


August 16, 1953 - August 19, 2022

Scholarship Luncheon Only - \$25.00 per person
Starts at 12:30pm

Registration deadline—August 2, 2025

Visit jimmurraryscholarship.org for registration forms.
If just having lunch, use form and write "Lunch Only"



ST. ANTHONY SUMMER FESTIVAL

COLUMBUS GROVE, OH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025
5:00~11:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
11:00 A.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 4:00PM / SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

SATURDAY ~ Beginning at 5:00 pm

JOIN FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR
Hamburgers, Fries & Refreshments

EXPLOIT DELUXE : 7:00 pm ~ 11:00 pm
~ NO COOLERS! ~ ~ ~ BRING LAWN CHAIRS ~

GARAGE SALE

Saturdays: 9am-6pm
Sundays: 11:30 am - 6pm

SUNDAY

BEEF OR PORK CHOP DINNERS
Drive thru 11AM - 1PM
Carry Out 11AM - 2PM
With seating available on the grounds

**BINGO ~ IN AIR CONDITIONED
CHURCH BASEMENT 12 ~ 9:45pm**

Kiddie Tractor Pull ~ 3pm



DUCK RACES



- ~ Bounce Houses
- ~ Games
- ~ Bakery Wheel
- ~ Country Store - Crafts

PAUL SMOCK COUNTRY 6PM ~ 9PM

BIG TICKET DRAWING 10:00 PM

GRAND PRIZE

\$20,000 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VEHICLE
OR \$15,000 CASH
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ~



Putnam County Council on Aging

August Activities

Date	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!

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Follow us on Facebook for updates!



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

July 26th
Peggy Pohlman

August 2nd
Deb Burgei

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 12-13, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,683.00
Loose Cash—\$ 841.30
Parish Center—\$ 215.00
Energy—\$ 155.00

For the week of July 19-20, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,169.00
Loose Cash—\$ 596.00
Parish Center—\$ 125.00
Energy—\$ 477.00

Thank you for your generosity!



KNIGHTS NEWS

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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.

New Members Always Welcome!

PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:

\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, July 23, 2025:
#164—Tony Schmorsal

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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

August 02 (Saturday)
4:00 pm Sydney Koester, Brooklyn Koester,
Leanna Schnipke

August 03 (Sunday)
10:30 am Jonah Buss, Annabelle Buss,
Ella Crossgrove

LECTORS

August 02 (Saturday)
4:00 pm Julie Brickner

August 03 (Sunday)
10:30 am Matt Eickholt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

August 02 (Saturday)
4:00 pm Host Front/Center:
Anne Hemker
Host Handicapped/Choir:
Jill Wenzlick
Cup-Mary's Side:
Kim Wannemacher
Cup-Joseph's Side:
Christine Herman

August 03 (Sunday)
10:30 am Host Front/Center:
Nancy Vetter
Host Handicapped/Choir:
Cory Eickholt
Cup-Mary's Side:
Quinton Schnipke
Cup-Joseph's Side:
Julie Schimmoeller

USHERS

August 02 (Saturday)
4:00 pm Randy Altenburger, Tim Eickholt,
Riley Geise, Kirt Martz

August 03 (Sunday)
10:30 am Dan Honigford, Todd Miller,
John Vetter, Jim Wannemacher

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

August 02 (Saturday)
4:00 pm The Family of John P. Miller

August 03 (Sunday)
10:30 am The Family of Donald "Tiner"
Altenburger

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

July 28 (Mon) Nancy Vetter
July 29 (Tues) Janet Von Lehmden
July 30 (Wed) Theresa Von Sossan
July 31 (Thurs) Mary Vorst
August 01 (Fri) Tara Peck
August 02 (Sat) Arlene Peters
August 03 (Sun) Emily Plescher



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Don & Sherri Looser Family : Weeks of July 27th & Aug 3rd

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