

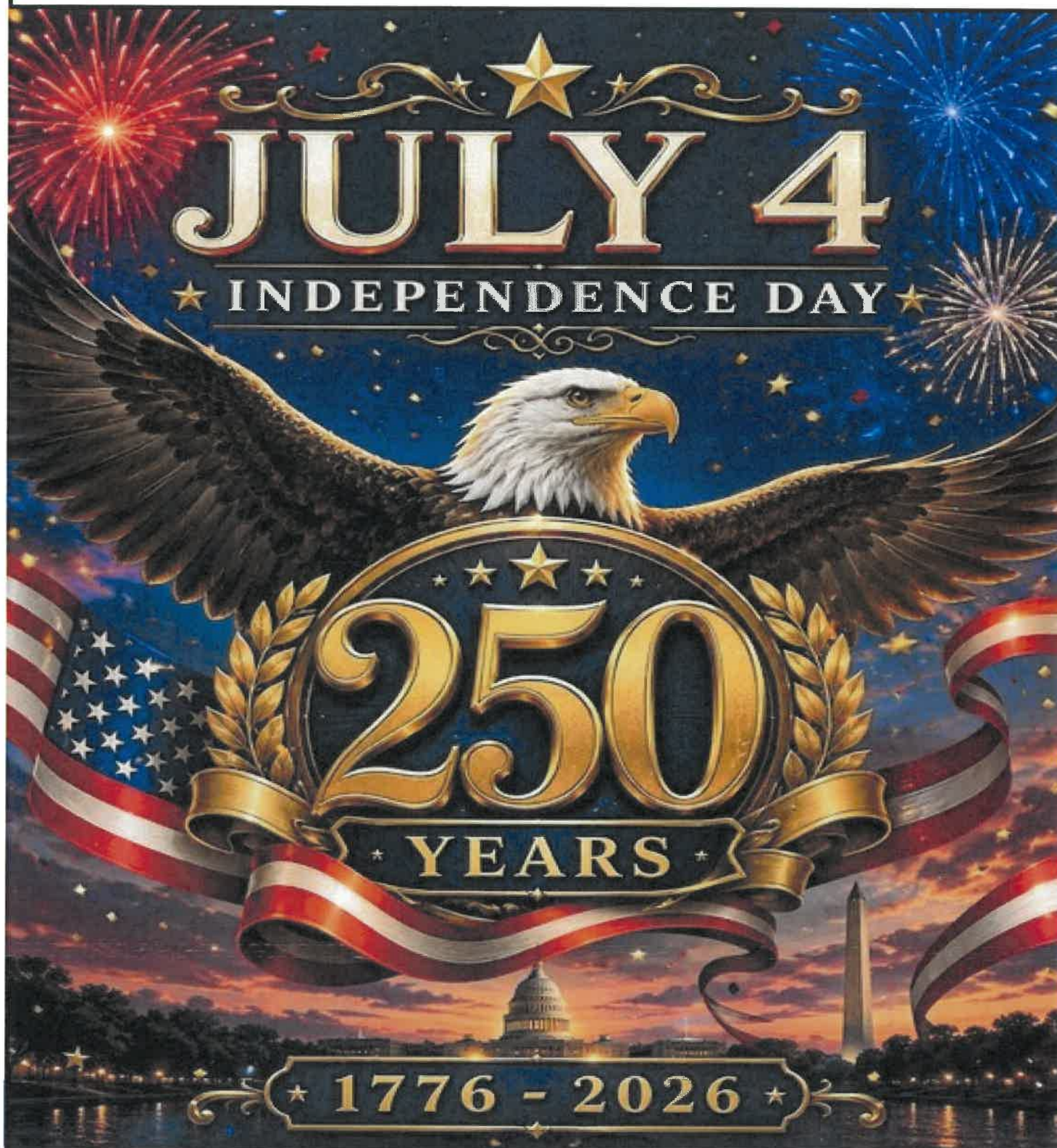
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Mass Intentions

07/04 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Virgil & Judy Miller
07/05 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Dave Ricker
07/06 (Monday)		No Mass
07/07 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	For the People of Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara Parishes
07/08 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Elma Kaufman
07/09 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Jayne Wannemacher—30th Day Art & Diane Ricker
07/10 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Dee Wueller, Ken Ritchey, & Bob Siefker
07/11 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Jerry Schetter
07/12 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Elmer Markward

Next Weekend's Readings - July 11-12, 2026

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13: 1-23



MEMORIAL FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR



St. Catherine's Embrace

Did you or someone you know lose a baby through miscarriage or stillbirth? You are not alone! The local volunteers with St. Catherine's Embrace know this pain too and we want to help. Our mission is to reach

and embrace families in the St. George Deanery and beyond, regardless of faith, who have lost a child through the tragedy of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. We believe that because life begins at conception, it is a loss that deserves to be recognized, mourned, and honored. We offer helpful educational materials, beautiful memorial gifts, prayer support and compassionate resources to help you and your family cope. We offer a healing Memorial Mass every October, to give you the opportunity to receive additional spiritual support. Each parish in the St George Deanery (Putnam County) has trained volunteers ready to connect with you in a sensitive, confidential way. All you need to do is call **Cindy Burgei, 567-204-2321** or **Renee Kelch, 419-236-4006**, and we will do the rest.

A July 4th Prayer

Dear God,

On this day of stars and stripes, we thank You
for the gift of freedom—

for the courage of those who came before us,
and the hope carried in every heart today.

May we use our liberty to love more, lift others,
and build a country where kindness leads.

Bless our families, our communities, and those
who serve.

Let the fireworks remind us that light always
finds a way.

Amen.



New Ministry Schedule Available

The new Ministry Schedule has been emailed to all volunteers. Printed copies are also available for pick-up at all church entrances & in the Parish Office.

Please be sure to take a
copy. Thank you for your
continued service!



Weekday Server Schedule

Wed July 8th—Ava Wenzlick

Thurs July 9th—Ava Wenzlick & Claire Burnett

Fri July 10th—Ava Wenzlick & Claire Burnett

Wed July 15th—Briella Gudakunst & Lilana Crossgrove

Thurs July 16th—Briella Gudakunst & Lilana Crossgrove

Fri July 17th—Briella Gudakunst & Lilana Crossgrove

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

While it was a short assignment, it was very impactful! We are grateful for Seminarian Derek's presence at our parish, and we've been happy to get to know him, and we'll continue to pray for him and his priestly discernment. It has been a special summer for us with Quinton beginning his affiliation journey and our first



summer seminarian in parish history! If you like having a seminarian around (in the summer) reach out to Fr. David Kidd (send an email) the Director of Vocations, to encourage future seminarian appointments here at Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara. The Diocese typically sends seminarians to supportive and active parish communities. Let's keep on the path we are on and continue to cultivate a healthy parish life so that vocations will continue to flourish!

Thank you to Derek for joining us! (He will be with his post Propaedeutic classmates in Bowling Green at St. Thomas More to complete his Year 1 program.) We also thank the Diocese for

this opportunity. As Immaculate Conception parishioners remember, this was part of the hopeful plan when the rectory was built (to someday have a seminarian stay in the spacious and furnished basement). We are glad to have this vision realized! (I did mention to Derek, "Not all parishes are like this..." with a brand-new rectory and a wonderful and active Community Park in the "backyard!")

Holiday blessings to all! Hope you had a good 4th of July. And never forget that one of the lessons from 1776 is perseverance! Historians know that George Washinton and the ever-evolving Continental Army lost more battles (and had many draws) than they won. But they survived and were determined to someday win when it counted the most! A great reminder: do not let setbacks, embarrassments, or doubt defeat you! Also, as many of the time would testify to, divine providence also makes all the difference. God can provide the "better future" we hope for.

Thank you for the prayers as I spend time with my family in southeast Georgia! I'll be returning this week.

—Fr. George Mahas—

Thank you

It's hard to believe that my time here is over. I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara parishes. You have all been very welcoming to me. It has made my first summer assignment a great one! I want to give particular thanks to those who have provided food, cleaning, financial support, and most importantly, prayer throughout my time here.

It has been great to see that both parishes are full of young families and parishioners who are involved in the community. It has been a joy to assist Father George with house blessings, nursing home visits, and even the County Fair!

Thank you for making the effort to strike up a conversation after Mass, send a card to me, or even just saying hello. You are helping to build up a culture of vocations and I pray that we will have many more seminarians for the diocese! Please know that you and your families are in my prayers and please pray for me. —Seminarian Derek—



Parish Records Update

To help us keep our parish records current, please notify the Parish Office if you have experienced any of the following changes:

- Address or phone number updates
- Marriage
- Changes involving adult children listed on your family record

Keeping your information up to date helps us serve our parish families more effectively.





Heavenly Father,

TODAY I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME
for your strength,
guidance, and provision in **VBS**

Sun: *Supply* all of the resources—both financial and the volunteer force—needed for a VBS that will draw children closer to you.
"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Mon: *Mold* the hearts and minds of every leader and volunteer so that we are able to embrace your beautiful vision for VBS.
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9).

Tue: *Transform* the lives of children as they experience your love and walk with you in an eternal relationship with Jesus Christ.
"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

Wed: *Welcome* unchurched children and families in our community to our VBS, our church, and into a relationship with you.
"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

Thu: *Touch* the hearts of people in our congregation to step into needed volunteer roles to reach as many children as possible.
"So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields" (Matthew 9:38).

Fri: *Form* meaningful friendships among children and volunteers and (most of all) help everyone participating to develop a deep friendship with you.
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).

Sat: *Strengthen* our VBS coordinator and each leader who is planning and preparing for this outreach.
"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped" (Psalm 28:7).

You are invited to use this guide to pray each day for one VBS need.

Ottoville Splash Pad Now Open!

The new splash pad at the park is officially open—just in time for the summer heat!

A special thank you to the Ottoville Chamber of Commerce for leading this wonderful community project. The splash pad is the final phase of the grant our community received two years ago, and we are excited to see it completed and ready for families to enjoy.

If you plan to visit, please remember:

- Follow all posted rules.
- The water features operate daily from **11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- Seating and shade are not yet available, so please plan accordingly.

We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and refreshing summer at Ottoville's new splash pad!





St. Barbara Parish Festival— Cloverdale Sunday, July 12th



Join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship at the Barbara Parish Festival!

BBQ Chicken & Port Dinners served
from **10:30 a.m. until sold out.**
Carry-out dinners are available



Enjoy:

- Lunch Stand
- Beer Tent
- Kids' Games
- Raffle Booth
 - Bingo
- Cash Drawings
- Bicycle Drawings
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Date	Event	Time	Location
7-2-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
7-8-2026	Fourth of July Party	10:00am	Fish and Game Club, Kalida
7-9-2026	Jeopardy	1:00pm	United Methodist Church, Continental (Northside)
7-13-2026	AI Session	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Ottawa
7-15-2026	Singo	10:00am	Sportsmans Club, Miller City
7-21-2026	Diamond Art	10:00am	Lilac Club House, Leipsic
7-22-2026	Self Defense Class	1:30pm	Community Center, Columbus Grove
7-27-2026	Foot Detox Presentation	10:00am	Parish Center (Family Room), Ottoville
7-28-2026	Euchre	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd, Col. Grove



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Mass at St. Bonaventure Chapel
Tour of St. Joseph Shrine

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8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

SIGN UP BY: July 10th, 2026

MORE INFO:

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What a great night for the Red, White, & Blue!

Congratulations to **Team USA** on advancing to the **FIFA World Cup Round 16!** They'll be back on the pitch on **Monday**, and we can't wait to cheer them on!

As we head into the **4th of July weekend**, it's the perfect time to celebrate our country—and our team!

If you've heard the players and fans singing "**Country Roads, Take Me Home**," you're not alone! The song has become an unofficial anthem for Team USA after players began singing it together in celebration following a memorable victory. Its message of home, unity, and pride has caught on with fans, creating one of the most fun and heartfelt traditions of this year's World Cup.



Let's keep cheering on Team USA—Go USA!!



**Diocese
of Toledo**

Congratulations and Blessings, Father Andrew Messer!

Congratulations to Father Andrew Messer on his ordination to the priesthood last Saturday! We give thanks to God for his generous "yes" to the call to serve Christ and His Church.

Please keep Father Andrew in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, joy, and strength, and may his ministry be fruitful and faithful.

Through September, Father Andrew will serve at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos, St. John the Baptist in Landeck, and St. Patrick in Spencerville before continuing his studies in Biblical Theology in Rome.

May God continue to guide and bless Father Andrew as he embarks on this exciting new chapter of his vocation.



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July 11th
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Peggy Pohlman



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of June 20-21, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2, 394.00

Loose Cash—\$ 761.00

Parish Center—\$ 166.00

Perpetuate the Gift Rebate for 2025—\$ 1,024.77

For the week of June 27-28, 2026

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July 11 (Saturday) Ethan Birkemeier,
4:00 pm Cassidy Deitering, Leah Maenle

July 12 (Sunday) Renae Boecker, Erica Knippen,
10:30 am Natalie Wehri

LECTORS

July 11 (Saturday) Theresa Von Sossan
4:00 pm

July 12 (Sunday) Beth Schnipke
10:30 am

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

July 11 (Saturday) Host Front/Center:
4:00 pm Sherrie Looser
Host Handicapped/Choir:
Judy Eickholt
Cup-Mary's Side:
Mike Schimpf
Cup-Joseph's Side:
Kim Wannemacher

July 12 (Sunday) Host Front/Center:
10:30 am Erica Brickner
Host Handicapped/Choir:
Lois Hoersten
Cup-Mary's Side:
Jim Hoersten
Cup-Joseph's Side:
Megan Wehri

USHERS

July 11 (Saturday) Randy Altenburger, Daniel Bendele,
4:00 pm Joel Edelbrock, Randy Warnecke

July 12 (Sunday) Mike Heitmeyer, Nancy Vetter,
10:30 am John Vetter, Dusty Wehri

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

July 11 (Saturday) Volunteers Needed
4:00 pm

July 12 (Sunday) Family of Elmer Markward
10:30 am

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

July 06 (Mon) Nancy Knotts
July 07 (Tues) Marge Knueven
July 08 (Wed) Jane Koester
July 09 (Thurs) Kari Koester
July 10 (Fri) Mary (Dave) Koester
July 11 (Sat) Mary (Steve) Koester
July 12 (Sun) Jody Joester



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