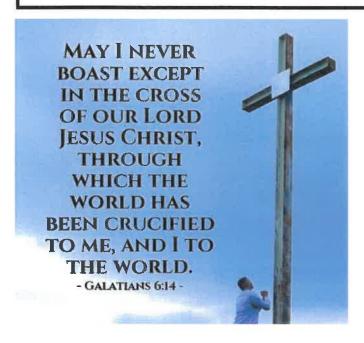
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Mass Intentions

7/05 (Saturday) Rudy & Alberta Deitering

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Miller

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

7/06 (Sunday)

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

10:30 a.m. Don Herman

7/07 (Monday) No Mass

7/08 (Tuesday)

12:00 p.m. Donald Warnecke

7/09 (Wednesday) No Mass

7/10 (Thursday) Donald B & Celesta Miller, 8:00 a.m. Carla A. Landin & Roxy Mill

Carla A. Landin & Roxy Miller Dee Wueller, Ken Ritchey &

Bob Siefker

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

7/11 (Friday)

8:00 a.m. Elmer Markward

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 Schnipke,

Rodney Menke & Eileen Halter

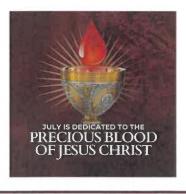
Next Weekend's Readings - July 12 & 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

July: Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

As we enter the month of July, the Church invites us to turn our hearts and mind to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This devotion reminds us of the infinite love and sacrifice of our Savior, who poured out His blood for our redemption.

Throughout this month, we are called to meditate on the mystery of Christ's Passion and the saving power of His Blood, which cleanses, heals, and sanctifies. The Precious Blood is a symbol of mercy and hope, a source of strength in our trials, and a powerful means of intercession.





MEMORIAL CANDELS In memory of the Elmer Markward

Weekday Server Schedule for New Servers

Tuesday July 8th—Greyson & Harrison Beaubien (12pm)
Thursday July 10th—John Horstman & Ethan Birkemeier
Friday July 11th—John Horstman & Ethan Birkemeier

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





A Heavenly Sign Over Immaculate Conception Church

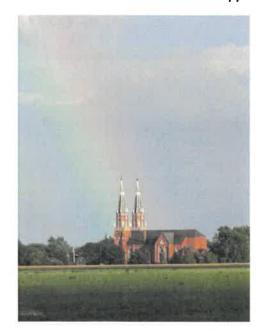


This week, a breathtaking rainbow appeared in the sky—arching perfectly over **Immaculate Conception Church**.

A gentle reminder of God's promises and presence, the sight brought peace and joy to all who witnessed it.

Let it be a symbol of hope, renewal, and the beauty of creation shining on our parish. Whether you saw it in person or in a picture, may it inspire us all to continue walking in faith and gratitude.

Photo Credit: Laura and Chad Knippen



Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

Pope Leo XIV is keeping busy but he is also making time for a customary papal vacation at Castel Gandolfo. We are grateful for our new pope. He's a natural!

Among his recent activities was the meeting known as the Consistory of Cardinals. This is something popes do to discuss important topics in the Church with available cardinal leaders. In a recent Ordinary Public Consistory, Pope Leo confirmed that the Church will be moving forward with the canonization of "new" saints. The most well-known are Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. And among the group is also a lesser known blessed, Peter To Rot. Blessed Peter To Rot, a lay catechist martyred during WWII, will become the first canonized saint from Papua New Guinea.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus says, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the masters of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Peter To Rot is an example of such a laborer. Learning about the faith from missionaries, he shared the faith with his people as a catechist/teacher. He was not a priest or a deacon; he was a young married man whose witness to marital fidelity remains one of the great inspirations of his life and legacy. July 7th is the Memorial of Blessed Peter To Rot. His canonization will take place on October 19th this year. It will be a great celebration of the faith and fidelity to Christ as lived in far-off places. Missionaries can change the world and so can ordinary grace-filled teachers such as Peter To Rot. Below are some words of inspiration from Pope St. John Paul II from Peter To Rot's beatification in 1995. —Fr. George Mahas—

(Also—thank you for the prayers for safe travels! The June heat in Ohio prepped me well for the South. Thanks to Fr. John and Fr. Steve for celebrating our masses! I will return at the end of this week. Thanks again for the prayers!)



(From Pope St. Paul II). Blessed Peter understood the value of suffering. Inspired by his faith in Christ, he was a devoted husband, a loving father and a dedicated catechist known for his kindness, gentleness and compassion. Daily Mass and Holy Communion, and frequent visits to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, sustained him, gave him wisdom to counsel the disheartened, and courage to persevere until death...His witness to the Gospel inspired others, in very difficult situations, because he lived his Christian life so purely and joyfully...

When the authorities legalized and encouraged polygamy, Blessed Peter knew it to be against Christian principles and firmly denounced this practice. Because the Spirit of God dwelt in him, he fearlessly proclaimed the truth about the sanctity of marriage. He refused to take the "easy way" of moral compromise. "I have to fulfill my duty as a Church witness to Jesus Christ", he explained. Fear of suffering and death did not deter him. During his final

imprisonment Peter To Rot was serene, even joyful. He told people that he was ready to die for the faith and for his people...On the day of his death, Blessed Peter asked his wife to bring him his catechist's crucifix. It accompanied him to the end. Condemned without trial, he suffered his martyrdom calmly. Following in the footsteps of his Master, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn.1: 29), he too was "led like a lamb to the slaughter" (Cf. Is. 53: 7). And yet this "grain of wheat" which fell silently into the earth (Cf. Jn. 12: 24) has produced a harvest of blessings for the Church in Papua New Guinea!



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 Biessed Carlo Acutis statue will consists of:

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

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!

VBS Donations—Thank you!

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations and continued support for our Vacation Bible School program. Thanks to your kindness, we are preparing for a record-breaking year with 173 children registered! Your contributions help provide a fun, faith-filled experience for the children in our parish. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry and for helping us share God's love in such a meaningful way.





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 rosary.

If you are interested,
please contact
Kay Langhals at 419-233-9588





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!

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 7th Thank you for your understanding! 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.

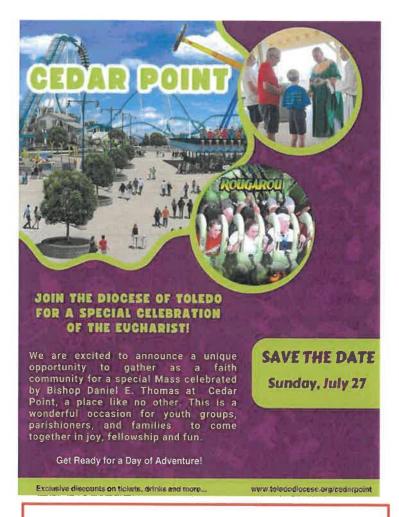
Another great option is to join our growing **ONLINE Giving**. You can access this and set up your account by visiting the Immaculate Conception Website, following this link, https://www.osvhub.com/icchurchottoville/

giving/funds or QR Code











We invite all Putnam County Residents, age 60, and better to join the fun!



Who will be the next winner? Come along for a fun lighthearted game of bingo with Chelsie from Bridge Home Health and Hospice. Please RSVP by June 26th,

July 9th- 10:00am Left, Right, Center

Kalida Lions Den Northside Shelter House 429 Northland Drive, Kalida Fast, Fun, and Easy Dice Game for All Ages! Come learn a new game or have fun playing a game you already know! Share smiles, laughs and friendship. Please RSVP by July 2nd.

July 22nd-1:30pm Stroke Awareness

Leipsic Fogel Center 815 East Mathias Street, Leipsic

Join us for a powerful and informative session on stroke statistics and how to prevent a growing threat in our community. Brian Hilvers, Director Putnam County Office of Public Safety and Jody Swisher BSN, RN Stroke Coordinator at Mercy Health St.Rita's will be providing us with information. Please RSVP by July 15th.

July 29th-10:00am Dynamic Diamond Art

Putnam County Council on Aging 1425 East Fourth Street, Ottawa Join us for a relaxing, hands-on session and leave with something beautiful! All materials provided just bring your creativity! Please RSVP by July 22nd.

July 31-10:00 am What Year Was it Invented?

Ottoville Parish Center 150 Park Drive, Ottoville

Come along for a fun & educational guessing game! Test your knowledge of history, inventions, and pop culture in this interactive guessing game!

Please RSVP by July 24th.



To register, please call the Council on Aging 419-523-4121 or 1-877-769-1760



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

loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, July 10 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. Note: due to the July 4th holiday, the meeting has been moved from its regularly scheduled 1st Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

You do not need to have attended any previous meetings to join in - 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!



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

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Raffle Booth
Bingo
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Bicycle Drawings
And so much more!

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

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

July 5th Deb Burgei

July 12th Sara (Kevin) Beining

> July 19th Deb Burgei

July 26th Peggy Pohlman



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of June 21-22, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,764.75 Loose Cash—\$ 655.00 Parish Center—\$ 40.00 Ascension—\$ 10.00 Catholic Communications—\$ 20.00

For the week of June 28-29, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,305.01 Loose Cash—\$ 669.00 Parish Center—\$ 206.00 Energy—\$ 30.00 Peter's Pence—\$ 38.00 June Online Giving—\$ 940.00

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 2, 2025: #527—Tom Markward

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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	
July 12 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Olivia Eickholt, Nathan Eickholt, Cole Swint
July 13 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Sophia Kuhlman, Ryken Napao, Cruse Schroeder
LECTORS	
July 12 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Theresa Von Sossan
July 13 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Beth Schnipke
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	
July 12 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Kim Wannemacher Host Handicapped/Choir: Danielle Swint Cup-Mary's Side: Sara (Kevin) Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Makayla Unterbrink
July 13 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Lois Hoersten Host Handicapped/Choir: Cory Eickholt Cup-Mary's Side: Jessica Wurst Cup-Joseph's Side: Jim Hoersten
USHERS	
July 12 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Ralph Burgei, Joel Edelbrock, Matt Eickholt, Darrell Von Sossan
July 13 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Dan Honigford, Art Langhals, Todd Miller, Jerry Turnwald
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS	
July 12 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Volunteers Needed
July 13 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Family of Leonard, Pauline & Richard Schnipke, Rodney Menke & Eileen Halter
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY	
July 07 (Mon) July 08 (Tues) July 09 (Wed) July 10 (Thurs) July 11 (Fri) July 12 (Sat) July 13 (Sun)	Dawn Schnipke Beth Schnipke Teresa Schnipke Connie Schnipke Erin Schnipke Jen Schnipke Ally Schroeder
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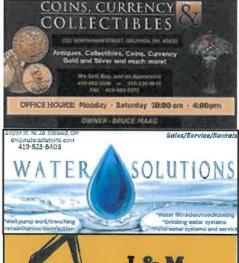
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