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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.



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BULLETIN ARTICLES SHOULD
BE SUBMITTED BY **10:00 A.M.**
ON WEDNESDAY.





Mass Intentions

- 03/28 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. John, Alberta, Rita, and Tonya Hoehn
- 03/29 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Mass at IC
- 03/30 (Monday) No Mass
- 03/31 (Tuesday)
11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass in Toledo
- 04/01 (Wednesday)
7:50 a.m. Ottie & Ryan Beining, Tom Hilvers
- 04/02 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Lawrence Trentman Family
- 04/03 (Friday)
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Barbara's
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at IC
- 04/04 (Saturday)
8:30 p.m. Gene Gerdeman & Chris Gerdeman
- 04/05 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:00 a.m. Robert Brinkman

Next Weekend's Readings - April 4-5, 2026

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9

WEDDING BANNERS I:

MaKenna Klausung
&
Derek Kemper



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday (4/2) at 7:00 pm

SERVERS: Kiley & Trey Hilvers, Landen Saxton,
Cole Swint

LECTOR: Jill Wenzlick

EUCH. MINISTERS: Carlie Bellman, Dani Swint,
Sherrie Looser, Tammy Saxton

Good Friday (4/3) at 3:00 pm:

SERVERS: Abigail Looser, Jenna Suever, Vol

LECTOR: Kevin Horstman, Cory Eickholt

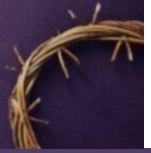
EUCH. MINISTERS: Chase Furley,
Sara (Kevin) Beining

USHERS: Randy Altenburger, Tim Eickholt,
Larry Beining, Gene Turnwald

Easter Vigil (4/4) at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday (4/5) at 10:00 am

Lenten Penance Service



Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa Mon, March 30 at 4:00p



Hello, my name is Quinton Schnipke. As many of you already know, I was born and raised here in Ottoville. Growing up, I was a lukewarm Catholic. I went to Mass on the weekends with my family and would usually say prayers before I went to bed, but that was the extent of my faith. As I grew up and started to understand more, there was something about our Catholic faith that captivated me. I wanted to learn more and grow closer to our Lord. I began participating in youth events like the ICY group, going on retreats, and going to Catholic conferences. The more I learned about our Catholic faith, the Mass, the saint's, etc. the more I loved it and grew in my relationship with Christ. When I first started seriously thinking about the possibility that I might be being called to priesthood two years ago, I tried to brush the thought off. I didn't think there was any way that I could become a priest. I thought of all my imperfections, flaws, and ways that I've failed to live out my Christian vocation. I also thought I wanted to pursue the vocation to marriage and family life someday. However, the thought of priesthood never left. It was just a gentle pull at my heart (1 Kings 19:11-12). I would think about priesthood often and would catch myself daydreaming about my life as a priest. As time went on, I decided to take my discernment more seriously. I began praying more about the vocation that God was calling me to, reading more scripture, and learning more about the saints. What I discovered was that Jesus never called perfect people. My decision to become a Seminarian for the Diocese of Toledo has taken me a long time to make, but it's the path that I feel confident that God is calling me to take and I couldn't be more excited to see what He has in store for me! It has been so humbling and I've been completely overwhelmed by the amount of support I've received from my friends, family, community, and 4th grade religion students (see picture above)! I sincerely thank all of you who have taken the time to wish me well and offer your prayers. Please know of my prayers for all of you and please continue to pray for me!

P.S. Please pray for my fellow Seminarians in Detroit as well. They're all great men but most of them are Michigan fans so please pray for their conversions!

-Q

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

April 11th **April 18th** **April 25th**
Sara Beining **Deb Burgei** **Peggy Pohlman**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of Mar. 14-15, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,742.00
 Loose Cash—\$ 1,232.70
 Parish Center—\$ 210.00
 Energy—\$ 710.00
 Black & Indian Mission—\$ 1.00
 Catholic Relief Services—\$ 189.00

For the week of Mar. 21-22, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,663.25
 Loose Cash—\$ 1,385.00
 Parish Center—\$ 96.00
 Energy—\$ 170.00
 Catholic Relief Services—\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by: Ottoville Knights of Columbus

DATE: Saturday, April 4th

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ottoville School Practice Soccer Field

AGE GROUPS: 1-3 yr olds; 4-6 yr olds; 7-9 yr olds

Thank you to Express Mart for donating the candy, to the KofC for donating \$150 towards cash/prizes, and to The Ottoville Bank Company for donating three \$50 bills for the grand prize winners!

*Alternate inclement weather date is Sunday, April 5th



KNIGHTS NEWS

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 Knights of Columbus Council 2238
 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 28, 2026:
#99 – Immaculate Conception Parish

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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

April 4 8:30 pm	(Saturday)	Nathan & Olivia Eickholt, John Horstman, Quinton Schnipke
April 5 10:00 am	(Sunday)	Lauren Moreno, Cameron Thomas, Kate & Ava Turnwald

LECTORS

April 4 8:30 pm	(Saturday)	Julie Brickner, Carl Turnwald
April 5 10:00 am	(Sunday)	Michelle Kortokrax

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

April 5 8:30 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Cory Eickholt Host Handicapped/Choir: Christine Herman Cup-Mary's Side: Beth Schnipke Cup-Joseph's Side: Peggy Pohlman
April 5 10:00 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Bryleigh Napao Host Handicapped/Choir: Brynn Horstman Cup-Mary's Side: Nancy Vetter Cup-Joseph's Side: Sarah Zeller

USHERS

April 4 8:30 pm	(Saturday)	Matt Eickholt, Daniel Bendele, Joel Edelbrock, Gary Pohlman
April 5 10:00 am	(Sunday)	David Fischbach, Tom Markward, Todd Miller, Julie Schimmoeller

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

April 4 8:30 pm	(Saturday)	Catechumens & Candidates
April 5 10:00 am	(Sunday)	Family of Robert Brinkman

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

March	30 (Mon)	Marge Hicks
March	31 (Tues)	Abigail Hilvers
April	01 (Wed)	Alice Hilvers
April	02 (Thur)	Carol Hilvers
April	03 (Fri)	Jan Hilvers
April	04 (Sat)	Jane Hilvers
April	05 (Sun)	Jean Hilvers



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of March 29: Ceil Eickholt; Weeks of April 5 & 12:
 Dawn Schnipke

MONEY COUNTERS FOR APRIL

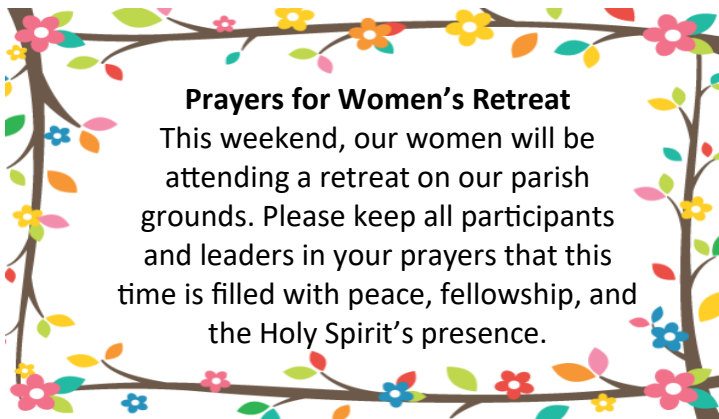
Ceil Eickholt, Viv Langhals, Janice Wannemacher

Welcome to our new Community Room!

We are pleased to announce that we are down to a few final steps remaining on one of our campus improvement projects. We have decided that with the new look and functionality of this space, we will give it a new name...one that is more suitable for the purpose of this space. Formally known as the St. Catherine/K of C room, it is now called The Community Room. We would like to recognize the local businesses that were involved in making this happen.

Schnipke contracting, Down to Earth Builders, H&S Electric, The Ottoville Hardware, The Ottoville Lumber Company, Ottoville Fire Department, Calvelage waterways, All Temp Refrigeration, Lima Millworks and Eickholt Brothers. We definitely cannot express enough gratitude to the many individuals who made donations to this improvement and all of those who assisted with different stages of the project. This was truly a Community Effort.

The Community room will continue to be utilized by many local organizations and also be available as a rental space. Come check it out and/or call Kyle Looser for questions about the rental availability. Thanks again to everyone for making a wonderful and clean and user-friendly (the room now has water!) and modern space a reality!



Congratulations to Brielle Vorst! She is the State Champion of her age group of the State K of C Free Throw Competition! Blessings to you Brielle and your family and friends. What an amazing accomplishment! And thank you to all the I.C. Knights of Columbus for supporting Brielle and all the students this year and for all their work for the youth.



Cemetery News:

Spring is in the air and that means it is time to start straightening up the cemetery! Please remove all winter decorations by April 5. Also, as a reminder, decorations of all types that are in the grass around the headstones should be placed on the cement pad by the headstones. We will soon be spraying, fertilizing and mowing and we don't want to damage any of the decorations/memorials. Thank you so much for your help in keeping our cemetery beautiful!

****Also, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH to our VFW for their generous donation to St. Mary's Cemetery. Your gift is very timely and will be put to great use. Thank you!****

Palm Sunday

Hello Friends,

Holy Week begins this weekend with Palm Sunday. What makes Palm Sunday so special and meaningful is not only the palms that bring us back to the story of Jesus entering into Jerusalem as the humble King, it's also the time to hear the entire Gospel recount everything he experienced and said in his final hours. This prepares us for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. This year (Cycle A) the Gospel account will come from Matthew.

Jerusalem was packed. Every year for the Passover, Jewish people from all over Judea and surrounding countries would come for these holy days. In other words, Jesus chose to enter when “everyone” was there. Everyone would have their chance to see Jesus and then witness and hear what happened. There was no escaping his name and the news of the plot against him. And everyone would have a chance to decide as to whether or not they believed that he was the Son of God or an “imposter.” Some people would weep for him and others would spit on him. The feeling was tense, electric, and even frightening (thus all of the Apostles, except for John, hid). Bringing the intensity to fulfillment, the “earth shook” when Jesus took his last breath and witnesses swore that they saw dead people rise from their graves (one of the unique features of Matthew’s account) and guards saying, “Truly he was the Son of God.”

Later this week, consider joining us for the upcoming sacred days of remembrance known as the Triduum. On Holy Thursday we will remember Jesus’ Last Supper. It is also the day we remember the Eucharist and Holy Orders and Christian Service. On Good Friday (reminder—Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence!) we will remember, very solemnly, the death of our Lord. One thing people notice about Good Friday: there is no Eucharist in the tabernacle. The Eucharist, consecrated on Holy Thursday and is then kept apart from its normal place representing that Jesus was entering into his Passion. Before the conclusion of the Good Friday liturgy (Good Friday is not a Mass and it is the only



day of the year in which there is no Catholic Mass) the Eucharist is then returned to its separate place of repose (some churches have side chapels or use a sacristy or a rectory for such purposes). Then, we will prepare for the holiest night of the year, Easter Vigil. It is a special and inspiring Mass (including the use of our candles at the beginning of the liturgy).

Please make the effort to be spiritually attentive to all of these moving and inspiring themes of our faith in these days ahead. One of the best ways to grow as a Catholic is to let the holy days form and shape you. There are great powers at work in Christ’s mysteries we celebrate this week.

Also, keep in prayer our wonderful women on their Welcome Retreat this weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish. The Welcome Team has been preparing for many months and we have women making their first retreat. Please pray that is a grace-filled and restorative and inspirational and supportive time for them. May they all be blessed! –Fr. George Mahas—

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VBS 2026

Monday, July 20th – Thursday, July 23rd
6:00pm – 8:30pm

ALL children; ages 4 (by July 1 & must be potty trained) thru age 11 (or current 5th grade)

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026

Sign Up Today!

Scan to register online



Thank you Doug and Dave for a wonderful 2-night Parish Mission! Thank you for teaching that faith, leading us in song, and for the laughs too! We are grateful also to our ICY Youth Group for volunteering to help and for their recommendation to invite Doug and Dave to Ottoville. Thanks to everyone for attending and participating!





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SUNDAY APRIL 5th 2026

EASTER BUFFET

DINE-IN 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

CARRY-OUT 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

DINNER INCLUDES:

HAM & ROAST BEEF

MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, NOODLES, GREEN BEANS,
SALAD BAR, ROLL & ASSORTED DESSERTS

COST: Adults - \$15.00 Children under 10 - \$7.50

BEVERAGE EXTRA

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 419-286-2100

BY FRIDAY APRIL 3rd

Let's shower **Ralph (Sparky) Brinkman** with birthday cards for his **90th birthday!!** It's coming up on April 4th!

His address is:

655 East Third Street

PO Box 408 Ottoville, OH 45876



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, April 9th 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. It is our honor to walk with you!



**MONTHLY ROSARY – for the
SAFETY and UNITY
of OUR NATION**

2nd Monday of the Month
April thru October @ 7:30 pm

St. Rita's Rosary Walk
620 E. Blake Ottawa (Glandorf)

Led by the
4th DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
Father Ronald Warnimont Assembly

ALL ARE WELCOME



Please mark your calendars!

WHAT: Meet the Candidates
Night

WHEN: Thursday, April 9, 2026 beginning at
7:30 pm

WHERE: Ottoville VFW Post 3740

WHO: Putnam County Voters Welcome

WHY: Candidates running for State Offices,
County Judge, and Commissioner will be
present for the Q & A forum.



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