

May 2-3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions

- 05/02 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Joe & Cookie Kaverman
- 05/03 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Gerald & Carol, Jennifer and Randy Honigford
- 05/04 (Monday) No Mass
- 05/05 (Tuesday)
12:00 p.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception & St. Barbara Parishes
- 05/06 (Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. Joan & Lenny Eickholt
- 05/07 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Dee Wueller
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
- 05/08 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Neimeyer/Bonifas Deceased Members 55th Anniversary
- 05/09 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Andy Warnecke
- 05/10 (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Barbara's
10:30 a.m. Jerome & Anna Eickholt Family

Next Weekend's Readings - May 9-10, 2026

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

In loving memory of

Gerald & Carol Honigford

WEDDING BANNERS II:

Emily Landin &
Luke Slavik



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Saturday, May 2, 2026
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



We warmly welcome Derek Swartzlander, Seminarian, to our community. Derek grew up in Bluffton, where he attended Bluffton Schools from elementary through high school. During those years, he and his family were active members of St. Mary's Parish in Bluffton.

After graduating high school, Derek received a degree in Accounting at Xavier University. Upon completing his studies, he worked as an auditor at a public accounting firm in Cincinnati for two years. This past August, Derek began his journey in seminary, answering the call to serve the Church.

Derek will be with us for the month of June, and we are grateful to have him in our parish. We look forward to supporting him during his formation.

Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Day of Renewal

May 13, 2026

Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH



"Praise God with Music"

By Sean & Laura Beeson

A Catholic film composer details his road from music lessons to writing film score for major motion pictures to liturgical music.

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Conference: 9 am—3 pm

Day includes: Continental Breakfast, Mass, Lunch & Rosary

Cost: \$35.00 per person

If interested please contact **Sharon 419-453-3509**
or **Anne 419-230-7596**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptism on May 3rd

Henry Bendele

Parents: Kyle & Carly Bendele

MASS INTENTIONS

We will begin receiving intentions for 2027 Masses on May 4, 2026.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

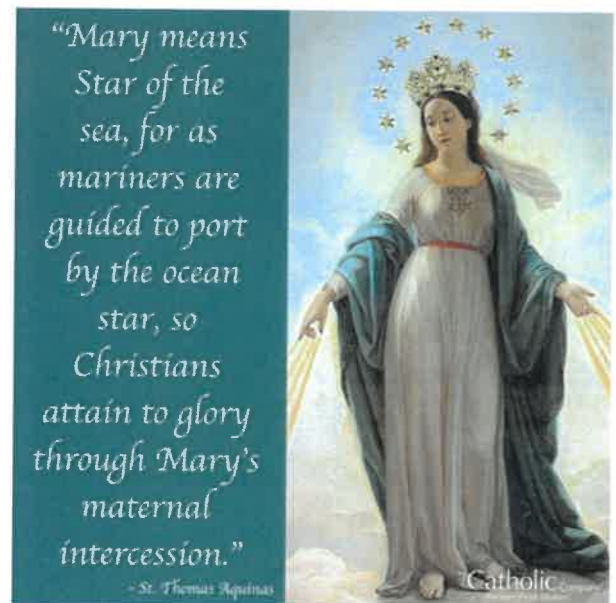
Hello Friends,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We will hear Jesus speak these words to his Apostles and to us this weekend. There are many Gospel passages that Jesus mentions the Father; today's is a reminder about getting close to God the Father through Jesus, trusting that Jesus is everything our hearts and souls need to hear and to receive. Our closeness to Jesus places us closer to Heaven (which is why we stay active in the Eucharistic life! The Eucharist is also called the Bread of Heaven.) This weekend's Gospel (Jn 14: 1-12) is particularly timely during this point in the Easter Season because we are now getting closer to Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. There is a seasonal and spiritual progression to the Church's liturgical year reminding us that we are a Pilgrim people. Even if we rarely move from our homes, we are always "on the move" as spiritual people because time marches on. We are not frozen or stuck in place. We are always on a journey, body and soul. So, during the Church year we follow the entire cycle of Jesus' life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, reminding us of the lifelong journey of union with God. In our following Jesus (through the Church's seasons), and applying his teaching to our lives, we do in fact become closer to him and that brings us closer to God the Father. As Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, you have faith in God; have faith also in me." And, as a Good Shepherd, his promise is to find a place in his "Father's House" for all those entrusted to his care.

And as every year has its seasons, we now enter one of the two months of the year dedicated to Jesus' mother. May (even more than October) has long been associated with Mary. The connection to our Spring Season is fitting. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the symbol of new life. For many years, Catholics have taken the opportunity in May to "crown" Mary at a Mass (usually the children perform such honors). I'm told that, once upon a time (even locally) children would be asked to climb ladders, if necessary, to perform such crownings, even if the statue was over a side altar (we don't take such chances these days!) All of our Marian traditions have long distinguished us Catholics. When we interact with non-Catholic cultures, we notice a big difference.

Here is a reminder about our Marian devotion and piety. Mary (Catholics believe) was special from the beginning (she's the Immaculate Conception) and that she was chosen to be the Mother of God. While she had no divinity (she was a miracle child, but not "divine"), she became the God-bearer (Theotokos). She reared Jesus and was faithful and full of grace from the beginning to the end. At the Cross, she was entrusted to be the mother of many. Jesus, while dying, entrusted John to her motherly care and also told John to care for her. This mutual relationship was passed on to everyone who would be adopted by the Blessed Virgin Mary and anyone who turns to her for a loving relationship. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (who inspired the commonly said Memorare prayer) said: *"O Mary, remember that it has never been heard of in any age, that any sinner who turned to you was rejected by you. I am a miserable sinner, but I turn to you and trust in you."* She is our great intercessor. Many of us cultivate a relationship with Mary as a way to stay close to Christ, to honor him, and to be protected by her famous "Mantle of Grace". There are many ways to perfect our relationship with Christ, and Marian devotion is one of the most inspiring ways.

-Fr. George Mahas-





Last year, YOU helped raise enough funds to send 14 students to Burundian universities!

Let's continue to make the change we wish to see in the world with the family of Brad Gasser. We are partnering again with Moose Landing to continue the good work that Brad began. Brad helped establish this scholarship fund to assist dedicated students attend Burundian universities who would otherwise have no means to further their education. Money raised will be exclusively used for tuition, housing, and food assistance.

YOU can help us continue to make a difference. On June 6, 2026, we will hold a 4-person scramble at Moose Landing in Kalida, Ohio. We'll also have alternate activities for non-golfers, a meal, and a silent auction.

The following are some specific ways that you or your business can be involved, as an individual, family, or company.

- Golf: - \$340 for a 4-person team (\$85/golfer in honor of Brad's birth year) This fee includes a taco bar lunch) - Limited teams can be accommodated.
- If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, or just donate to make a difference, please know that all donations are tax deductible as Tujenge Scholars is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization
- If you are not golfing, you can join us for a taco bar lunch - \$25. Call to register please.
- Checks can be made out to: **The Brad Gasser Memorial Scholarship Fund** and sent to **Robert Gasser, Jr., 1510 Bay Hill Dr., Findlay, OH 45840**
- Please email MichelleLanghalsWeadock@gmail.com or call/text Michelle at 614-668-9593 for more information or for a silent auction pick up.



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, May 7th 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!



Ft. Jennings American Legion Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Join us on **Sunday, May 10th** for a delicious Mother's Day breakfast!

Menu Includes:

- Bacon, Sausage Links, Ham, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, French Toast, Scrambled Egg, Fruit, & Breakfast Rolls
- ***Beverages Extra*****

Pricing:

Adults \$13.00
Children \$7.00

Please call **419-286-2100** by **May 8th** to reserve your spot.

We extend our sincere thanks to the OHS Prom students and their friends who joined us for Mass on Saturday evening. Your presence was truly inspiring, and we are grateful you chose to share such a meaningful moment with our parish community.

We also wish to thank our ICY members for their dedication and ministry, both on Saturday night and throughout the year. Your commitment is a blessing to our parish.

We hope all who attended Prom had a joyful and memorable evening!



Easter Flower Donors

Anyone who donated an Easter flower is invited to pick one up from the narthex of the church.

Thank you for helping make our Easter celebration so beautiful!

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on
Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm
in **Kalida St. Michael's Church basement.**
All are welcome.

Ottoville Blue Ribbon Winners 4H Club Chicken BBQ

Join us for a delicious **Chicken BBQ** hosted by the
Ottoville Blue Ribbon Winners 4H Club!

Sunday, May 3, 2026

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Pick up at Ottoville Black Angus

\$12 per meal—Carry-out only

Menu:

1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce,
Cookie, and Roll with butter

For tickets please contact

Andrew Horstman at 419-615-7147

(Limited walk-ups will be available day of BBQ)

Support local youth and enjoy a great meal
Thank you for your support!



Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish is offering another year of **5th and 6th Grade CYO** (Catholic Youth Organization) **Girls Volleyball!** We are asking if any parents would be willing to acquire the CYO coaching certification to help coach. Two of our coaches from last year are unable to this year.

Forms can be picked up in the parish office or scan this QR Code to fill out online. **Please sign-up by May 19th, 2026.**





Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

The 2026 Y.E.S. project will be held at Fort Jennings High School this year beginning Thursday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. **Students incoming grade 7 through outgoing seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat.** This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery and have some great fun, grow in faith, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community! This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Registration forms are available from Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835 or the Parish Office and are due by May 22! Bring your friends because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

Y.E.S. – Are you needing some help?

The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's Parish in Ft. Jennings and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. On June 5th & 6th, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery would love to help you! If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Dawn Schnipke at 419-513-9835 or in the Parish Office. Deadline to submit a request is May 24th.

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)

Sign Up Today!

Scan to register online

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026

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

May 2nd
Sara Beining

May 9th
Art & Bernice Schnipke

May 16th
Sara (Kevin) Beining

May 23rd
Deb Burgei



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of April 18-19, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,565.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,549.00
Easter—\$ 600.00
Energy—\$ 500.00
Parish Center—\$ 105.00
Church Repair—\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Mission—\$ 1.00

For the week of April 25-26, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,596.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,676.00
Parish Center—\$ 115.00
Church Repair—\$ 150.00
Catholic Home Mission—\$ 307.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Job Openings:

- Part-Time Maintenance/Custodian
- Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education

If you or someone you know may be interested or would like more information on either position, please contact the parish office at 419-453-3513 or at icbusiness@icchurchottoville.org.



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.

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PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:

\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, April 29, 2026:
291—Mike Swint

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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

May 9 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Harrison & Greyson Beaubien, Leah Maenle
May 10 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Charlotte Cross, Kinley & Taylor Turnwald

LECTORS

May 9 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Nick Brandeberry
May 10 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Beth Schnipke

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 9 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Kim Wannemacher Host Handicapped/Choir: Julie Brickner Cup-Mary's Side: Bernice Schnipke Cup-Joseph's Side: Bonnie Beining
May 10 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Sarah Zeller Host Handicapped/Choir: Linda Knippen Cup-Mary's Side: Sheila Miller Cup-Joseph's Side: Brynn Horstman

USHERS

May 9 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Nolan Beaubien, Bill Beining, Allan Honigford, Kirt Martz
May 10 10:30 am	(Sunday)	David Fischbach, Mark Turnwald, Nancy Vetter, Dusty Wehri

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

May 9 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Andy Warnecke
May 10 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Jerome & Anna Eickholt

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

May	04 (Mon)	Janice Hohlbein
May	05 (Tues)	Nancy Hohlbein
May	06 (Wed)	Kelly Honigford
May	07 (Thurs)	Angie Honigford
May	08 (Fri)	Brenda Honigford
May	09 (Sat)	Doris (Don) Honigford
May	10 (Sun)	Janice Honigford



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Weeks of May 3rd & 10th: Tammy Saxton

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