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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

05/09 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Marty Gerdeman 7th Day Andy Warnecke
05/10 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Jerome & Anna Eickholt Family
05/11 (Monday)		No Mass
05/12 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma, & Rudy Gasser
05/13 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Paul & Marilyn Hoehn
05/14 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Norman & Diane Buettner Mass at St. Barbara's
05/15 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Bettie Altenburger
05/16 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Jerry & Tim Landwehr
05/17 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Viola Friemoth

### Next Weekend's Readings - May 16-17, 2026

Acts 1:12-14    1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11a

### WEDDING BANNS III:

Emily Landin &  
Luke Slavik



### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

In memory of  
**Walter Brickner**



### Reminder for Seniors



There will be a **Senior Rehearsal**  
on **Friday, May 15th**, following the  
**8:00 a.m. Mass.**

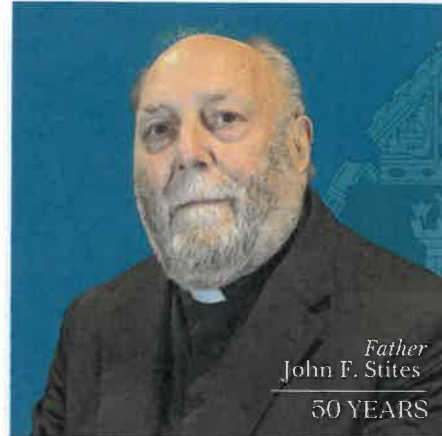
Also, don't forget:  
**Graduation Mass** will take place on  
**Sunday, May 18th at the 10:30 Mass.**

We look forward to celebrating this  
special occasion with you!

**Congratulations to Fr. John Stites** on the joyful celebration of his 50th Jubilee! Thank you for your years of faithful service, dedication, and spiritual guidance.

If you would like to send Father John a card of congratulations, please mail it to  
**10680 Water St., Defiance, OH 43512.**

Wishing you many more years of blessings!



### Calling All College Graduates!!



It's that time of year again! We are proud to recognize the accomplishments of our college graduates from the parish. If you or a family member is graduating from college this year, we invite you to share a graduation photo along with the name of your college & degree.

Please email your photo and degree details to:  
**icoffice@icchurchottoville.org**

Let us celebrate this important  
milestone with you!



**THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO** remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hello Friends,

Happy Mother's Day! While Mother's Day is not a liturgical or international holiday it is certainly a special day for us as we honor not only our mothers but also the special spiritual and influential women in our lives. The Catholic Church has (from the very beginning) been a place where mothers and holy and heroic women are honored and revered. Of course, it all begins with Mary. She never denied what God asked of her and she never pretended that she and her son and their very unique lives was something that it was not. Among the many ways Mary can inspire us is to make the commitment to not feel the need to compare ourselves to other people. We must be who we are to the best of our ability and allow God to guide, direct, and provide for us. Such contentment is one of the most "freeing" feelings in the world. And Mary, like the many great women in the Bible before her, knew by the deepest intuitive instinct (and sometimes by the voice of an angel or God) when to take action at the right time for the good of the family and for the sake of the future and for God's purposes. Think about Rebekah, Rahab, Ruth, Judith and many others. The spiritual intuition of a woman can redirect futures to something that God wants. So, develop your spiritual intuition and heed its call.

Blessings to all of our mothers and special women. We all have our stories. What is important is following God's unique call for you. Below are a couple excerpts from the website <https://www.catholicmom.com/>. One mom proudly keeps a small Christmas tree in her house all year long and it's "decorated" with rosaries.



These rosaries are used for family prayer and as a reminder that mom has got everyone covered if they ever need one! Also, we remember that our "normal" life might not be other peoples "normal". It seems that each of us have our own normal and we try to be happy and survive and live the best we can. Mom Carmen Lappe (IA) recounts (below) their 100<sup>th</sup> visit to the hospital to take care of their young son. It was on a Good Friday. Sometimes she says she's "prayed out". In other words, she's real. They keep going forward. Thank you to all moms and all women: you all make a difference! May God bless you and strengthen you and answer your prayers!

—Fr. George Mahas—



*On Good Friday, our family made hospital trip #100.*

*Our son's health journey began just over three years ago. There have been many ups and downs, joys and sorrows, triumphs and frustrations. Good Friday, however, was surreal: 100 trips. 92 port accesses. Approximately 15,000 miles driven. 15 MRIs. 15 ophthalmology exams. 76 infusions. And I'm tired. Too often, I'm all prayed out.*

*Perhaps treatment will end eventually, but I am afraid to hope because we were hurt by that once already. Like many things with Damien, I keep hoping they will improve or become easier, but they just never do. Similarly, the path forward for his vision offers little hope. We know he'll never achieve 20/20 vision or anything close to it. What he sees now is all he's ever known and likely all he ever will. For a boy who loves tractors, semis, fire trucks, motorcycles, and any construction vehicle with wheels, the thought of him never being able to drive is shattering. But likely, he'll never be able to.*

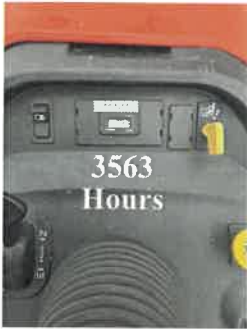
*I don't know what the future holds, but I'm trying to rest in the One who does. Unsure of all that lies ahead, I am sure He will continue to hold my family and me. When I don't understand, I am held. When I'm afraid to hope, I'm held. In my exhaustion, I'm held. In my anxiety, I'm held. In my grief for what the past three years have been, I'm held. **When I'm all prayed out, the act of letting myself be held is my prayer. Lord, you take care of it.***

## Lawn Mower Open Bid Notice

The parish is accepting open bids for a **Broadmoor Simplicity lawn mower** with bidding starting at **\$1,000**. The mower features a **50" cutting deck** and was recently fully serviced at **JL Wannemachers Sales & Service**. It runs and mows as it should.

Please submit your bid, along with your name and contact information, to the parish office. Bidding will remain open until the **end of the business day on May 21st**.

For questions regarding the lawn mower, please contact **Jason Swint at 419-615-7350**.



The **ICY Group** wrapped up their final meeting of the school year this past Sunday night!

A huge **SHOUT OUT** to our seniors for their leadership, faith, friendship and dedication throughout the year—you've made a lasting impact on our group.

**May God continue to bless you in all that you do!**



## Calling All IC Students 5th Grade and Up!

Would you like to assist Fr. George during Mass as an altar server? We're offering training sessions on **Wednesday May 20th at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the church.** Please feel free to reach out to **Shelly Eickholt** with any questions at **419-453-3513** or email **icreligioused@icchurchottoville.org**



Heartbeat of Lima extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Mother's Shower. Thanks to your kindness, four large boxes of much-needed items were collected!

This weekend, 40 expectant mothers will gather to celebrate and be supported through this special event. Your generosity is truly making a difference in the lives of these moms and their families. Thank you for being such a caring and compassionate community!

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting **Thursday May 14th at Lima Central Catholic High School.** We will begin with mass at 5:45 pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be **Mr. Nicholas Cech, Students for Life Ohio Regional Coordinator** sharing about his ministry with Students for Life. Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to **Kathy at 419-303-0339** no later than **Tuesday, May 12th**

Our May Crowning and Flowers to Mary was a windy, yet beautiful day filled with faith and joy!

Thank you to our students for helping make this celebration so special, and a heartfelt thank you to Julie for sharing her beautiful singing. We are grateful to all who helped honor our Blessed Mother in such a meaningful way.



## Annual Last Day of School Party in the Park

Thursday, May 21st  
4:00-8:00pm

Welcoming  
Back...

FREE  
Event

FREE  
FOOD  
(While supplies last)

Munchkin Radio!!!

FAMILY  
Music

FOAM  
Party

- Located at the Ottoville Park
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult
- Bring change of clothes/towel if participating in the foam party

Thank you to the community sponsorships  
who help make this possible!!!

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"Give to others, and God will give to you." Luke 6:38

If any individuals or organizations would like to help support this or future events, please reach out to Immaculate Conception Parish Office.

\* Supported by the Altar Rosary Society \*



### **\*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.

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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

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

May 9th  
Art & Bernice Schnipke

May 16th  
Sara (Kevin) Beining

May 23rd  
Deb Burgei



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD!**

***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

***For the week of May 2-3, 2026***

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 3,890.00  
Loose Cash—\$ 1,072.95  
Easter—\$ 30.00  
Energy—\$ 500.00  
Religious Education—\$ 500.00  
Parish Center—\$ 385.00  
Church Repair—\$ 1,121.00  
Catholic Communications—\$ 10.00  
Ascension—\$ 20.00  
April Online Giving—\$ 3,222.33  
April EFT—\$ 8,140.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Parish Job Openings:**

- **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](mailto:icbusiness@icchurchottoville.org).



**KNIGHTS NEWS**

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**MEETING DATES:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**New Members Always Welcome!**

**PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:**

**\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, May 6, 2026:**  
**#581—Craig Brinkman**

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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**

<b>May 16</b> 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Ethan Birkemeier, Madison Burgie, Sophia Sehlhorst
<b>May 17</b> 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Josh Brandeberry, Mya Horstman, John Horstman, Ty Schnipke

**LECTORS**

<b>May 16</b> 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Carl Turnwald
<b>May 17</b> 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Nick Brandeberry & Matthew Horstman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>May 16</b> 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Anne Hemker Host Handicapped/Choir: Jill Wenzlick Cup-Mary's Side: Sara (Kevin) Beining Cup-Joseph's Side: Judy (Frank) Eickholt
<b>May 17</b> 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Carlie Bellman Host Handicapped/Choir: Carli Schnipke Cup-Mary's Side: Cory Eickholt Cup-Joseph's Side: Brynn Horstman

**USHERS**

<b>May 16</b> 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Daniel Bendele, Jerry Kaverman, Jackson Sehlhorst, Randy Warnecke
<b>May 17</b> 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Senior Class of 2026

**FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<b>May 16</b> 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Jerry & Tim Landwehr
<b>May 17</b> 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Senior Class of 2026

**LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

<b>May</b>	<b>11 (Mon)</b>	Cheryl Honigford
<b>May</b>	<b>12 (Tues)</b>	Doris Honigford
<b>May</b>	<b>13 (Wed)</b>	Alexa Honigford
<b>May</b>	<b>14 (Thurs)</b>	Emily Hoersten
<b>May</b>	<b>15 (Fri)</b>	Donna Hohlbein
<b>May</b>	<b>16 (Sat)</b>	Joyce Honigford
<b>May</b>	<b>17 (Sun)</b>	Lorie Honigford



**ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING**

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