

Congratulations & Blessings to the Class of 2026



The Class of 2026—Thank you Father George and Parish Community for all of your support and prayers!

Carlie Bellman—“Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.” **Colossians 3:23**

Anna Bendele—“Jesus looked at them carefully and said, ‘It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.’” **Mark 10:27** Lean on God for everything.

Bailey Bennett—“Believe you can, and you’re halfway there.” **Theodore Roosevelt**

Nick Brandeberry—“Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:9**

Hunter Bryan—“Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience.” **Fred Bear**

Abigail Bullinger—“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in Faith, and in purity.” **Timothy 4:12**

Rowan Clay—“Life is short, spend it with the people who make you laugh and feel loved.”

Mackenzie Deitering—“With all your heart you must trust the lord and not your own judgement, always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow.” **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Faith Feldman—“God didn’t promise an easy journey, but he did promise to walk with you through it.” **Isaiah 43:2**

Garrett Gossar—“Don’t waste your time because no one is handing out more.”

Kiersten Herron—“The Lord delivered me from all my fears.” **Psalms 34:5**

Luke Hoffman—“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life.” **Steve Jobs**

Zach Hohlbein—“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.” **Colossians 3:23**

Brynn Horstman—“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you” **Isaiah 41:13**

Matthew Horstman—“All things work together for good for those who love God.” **Romans 8:28**

Damian Lawhorn—“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” **Winston Churchill**

Abigail Looser—“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” **Jeremiah 29:11**

Kristen Pohlman—“The human mind plans the way but the Lord directs the steps.” **Proverbs 16:9**

Carli Schnipke—“For with God nothing will be impossible.” **Luke 1:37**

Cruse Schroeder—“Dreams don’t work unless you do.” **John Maxwell**

Logan Sheets—“Love many, trust few. Learn to paddle your own canoe.” **American Proverb**

Alexa Thomas—“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring it’s own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” **Matthew 6:34**



Mass Intentions

05/23 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Patrica Krietemeyer
05/24 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Walter Hoehn
05/25 (Monday)	10:30 a.m.	Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery
05/26 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m.	Bernard, Barbara & Gerald Kramer; Donna Hasenkamp
05/27 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m.	Mari-Lou Beining—7th Day Alphonse & Rose Niemeyer Family
05/28 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m.	Ralph "Sparky" Brinkman—7th Day
	6:00 p.m.	Bob & Arlene Bendele
		Mass at St. Barbara's
05/29 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Bob, Edna & Cornelius Birkemeier; Tim & Jerry Landwehr
05/30 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Janet, Bill, Mary Lou & Sally Altenburger; Michael Langhals
05/31 (Sunday)	8:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
	10:30 a.m.	Mildred Beining

Next Weekend's Readings - May 30-31, 2026

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

WEDDING BANNS I:

Alexa Honigford &
Lincoln Mueller



Upcoming Ministry Schedule— Availability Request

We are currently finalizing the next Ministry Schedule, which will cover **July 4th through November 1st**. To help us prepare accurately, please update your **availability with the parish office no later than June 8th**

*****Graduating Seniors: If you are graduating and unsure of your availability for this schedule, please contact the parish office to let us know your plans. We'd love to include you if possible!*****

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our parish ministries!

A big thank you to everyone who made the ICY Flower Fundraiser such a wonderful success!!

- To the **Class of 2026**—thank you for coming back and generously lending a hand!
- To the amazing group of **adult volunteers**—we truly could not have done this without you!
- And to **everyone who supported this youth group initiative**—thank you for helping us grow something beautiful in our parish community!

The flowers turned out beautifully, and your kindness, time, and support mean so much to us!



A heavy storm this past week brought down a large tree near the cemetery entrance, blocking access. We are grateful to Barry for his quick work with heavy equipment to clear the road, as well as to our Cemetery leadership and maintenance crew for their response and cleanup efforts.

Special thanks also to Easton Laudick, Jack Looser, and Aiden Laudick for their help at the cemetery, including gathering flags that had been blown from graves. We truly appreciate their willing and selfless service to help when needed.



Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Hello Friends,

This weekend we remember the fulfillment of the promise that Jesus made to his Apostles and disciples. Jesus promised them (when he ascended) that if they were able to “wait” “you will receive the Advocate, the Holy Spirit”, who will “remind you of everything.” This weekend is the celebration of the Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost means “fiftieth”. So, on the fiftieth day after Jesus’ Resurrection, the Church has long celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God and is a life giver to unite our souls to God Almighty. As we hear the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, this is the first and most necessary step for the Church to have its beginning and for the disciples to be able to do all that Jesus asked them to do; namely, to baptize and proclaim the Good News to all the nations. The Solemnity of the Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the Catholic Church!

So, this weekend it’s all about the Holy Spirit! We are a trinitarian people of faith. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit’s coming into our world and coming into our lives. To the Apostles (and to Mary) at that original Pentecost (ten days after Jesus ascended into Heaven) the Spirit famously came to them as tongues of fire. (One Apostle, St. Jude, is still portrayed by popularly iconography with a flame above his head.) Immediately, they all received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their lives would reflect the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit** are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel,

Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord. **The Fruits of the Holy Spirit** are the perfections of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in how we live our lives, and as the Catechism calls them they are also the “first fruits of eternal glory”: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control and Chastity.

With effort, and a willingness to pray a little bit differently, (if we don’t usually pray to the Holy Spirit) we can become more active in our prayers directed toward the Holy Spirit. First, you must find the motivation. Usually, we are motivated when we need an increase or a greater activation of particular Gifts of the Holy Spirit (such as Knowledge or Courage). We’ve all been in a situation when we needed the Spirit’s help. Do you want to know what you need to know in order to make a major decision? Ask the Holy Spirit to help give you the knowledge. Some of us truly believe we only received our answers due to the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Do you need Courage to face something difficult? Ask for the Spirit’s gift of Courage. Yes, we can and should pray to Jesus, but please also pray to the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit was given to us, as Jesus said, as our Advocate, to help in special areas of life. Above is a prayer from St. Augustine to help you along. Happy Pentecost! –Fr. George Mahas—

*Breathe on me O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.*



**House Blessings—
 Month of June**



During the month of June, Father and Derek,
 our seminarian, will be available for **house
 blessings as well as blessings of new
 items**

If you would like to schedule a blessing,
 please contact the Parish Office at
419-453-3513 with your name, contact
 information, and preferred time frame.

**The Parish office
 will be closed on
 Monday, May 25th
 in observance of
 Memorial Day.**



Memorial Day Mass Invite!

The V.F.W. warmly invites everyone
 to attend the
Memorial Day Mass on
Monday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m. at
St. Mary's Cemetery
(weather permitting).

Please bring your own lawn chair
 for seating.

Following the Mass, lunch will be
 served for all at the **V.F.W. Post.**

Join us as we honor and remember
 those who served!



Memorial Day Prayer

*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down
 one's life for one's friend." John 15:13*

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we lift up in prayer all who have
 died in service to our nation. We honor their courage,
 their selflessness, and
 their commitment to
 protecting others.
 May their souls, and
 the souls of all the
 faithful departed,
 through the mercy of
 God, rest in peace.



Bring comfort to the families who grieve, and grant
 them the peace that only You can give. Bless and
 protect all who currently serve in the armed forces,
 and guide our leaders with wisdom.

Lord, help us to live in a way that honors their legacy—
 seeking peace, acting justly, and loving as
 Christ has loved us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Welcome to Our Parish Ministry Team!

Please join us in welcoming both Sherrie Looser and Shannon Schlagbaum as they begin new ministry roles at Immaculate Conception Parish! We are grateful for their willingness to serve our parish community and share their gifts, faith, and dedication with others. Both Sherrie and Shannon will begin their new roles during the second week of June. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin these important ministries.

Sherrie Looser — Religious Education Coordinator

We are excited to welcome back Sherrie Looser as she returns to the role of Religious Education Coordinator. Sherrie is looking forward to helping our children grow in their relationship with God and in their Catholic faith.

Sherrie was raised in Fort Jennings and moved to Ottoville after marrying her husband, Don (D.J.), in 1998. Together they have been blessed with 27 years of marriage and five children: Kyle (Paige), Adam, Ryan, Abigail, and Andrew. In her free time, Sherrie enjoys spending time with family, listening to music, reading, and being outdoors when the weather is nice.



For the past five years, Sherrie has taught the 7th Grade Religion and Confirmation class at IC. She also previously served as the parish's Religious Education Coordinator from 2019–2021.

Shannon Schlagbaum — Adult & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

Please also join us in welcoming Shannon Schlagbaum as our new Adult & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator.

Shannon has been married to her husband, Dave, for nearly 29 years. Together they have been blessed with three children: Quinley, Trae, and Kellen.

Shannon works full-time at OIO as a Nurse Practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and being outdoors.

We are excited to have Shannon join our ministry team and look forward to the many ways she will help support and grow our adult and young adult faith communities.



Thank you, Seniors, for your faith, loyalty, & leadership throughout the years. Your presence has been a blessing to our community, & we are grateful for all you have shared with us.

As you begin this next chapter of your lives, we wish you good luck and many blessings. May God continue to guide your steps, strengthen your faith, & fill your future with hope.



Putnam County Council on Aging June Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
6-1-2026	Passwords Made Easy	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Pandora
6-4-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
6-9-2026	Collections and Keepsakes	10:00am	Lilac Clubhouse, Leipsic
6-12-2026	Shred-A-Thon/ CarFit	9:00am to Noon	Council on Aging, Ottawa
6-16-2026	Resin	10:00am	Council on Aging, Ottawa
6-18-2026	Dominos	10:00am	Sportsmen's Club, Miller City
6-22-2026	Learn to Use the MyChart App	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Continental
6-24-2026	An Intro to Dry Needling	10:00am	Ottoville Parish Center (Family Room), Ottoville
6-30-2026	Euchre	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida

For more information or to attend, please call the Council on Aging 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760



Diocese of Toledo

Diocese of Toledo 2025 National Collections Performance Summary

The Mission Advancement Office is pleased to share the following report on the National Collections for the calendar year 2025 taken in the Diocese of Toledo.

A total of 12 collections occurred which included: **Archdiocese for the Military Services, Aid to Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholic University of America, Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, Peter's Pence, Black and Indian Missions, Church in Latin America, Retirement Fund for Religious, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Catholic Relief Services.**

Thanks to goodness and generosity of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, a combined total of **\$425,717** was raised and disbursed to beneficiaries of the National Collections.



Friends of the Putnam County District Library

Book Sale

When: Tuesday, June 2nd & Wednesday, June 3rd

Time: 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Location: Ottawa Elementary Gym



Plus—DVD's, Audio Books, Electronics, Puzzles, Games, Attic Treasures & More!



Rays of Hope

Camp for Kids Dealing with Loss

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June 8-10, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YMCA Camp Clay

9196 Liberty-Union Rd., Van Wert

Rays of Hope is a camp for children and youth ages 6-17 (grades K-12) who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one or friend. It helps kids understand that they are not alone and that **having fun is part of healing!**

Rays of Hope is led by CHP Hospice staff trained in children's loss issues and includes fun activities and opportunities for kids to...

- Connect with other kids who have experienced a loss
- Better understand grief
- Find safe and creative ways to voice feelings and thoughts
- Nurture memories
- Build self-confidence and self-worth
- Play, laugh, cry, and feel a sense of normalcy



Check in at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up at 4 p.m.
(On Wednesday, the teen group will stay until 7 p.m.)

Camp is FREE and lunch and snacks are provided
You MUST Pre-register!!

Scan the QR code and complete the application
ComHealthPro.org/events
or call (419)238-9223



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.

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

May 30th
Sara (Kevin) Beining

June 6th
Peggy Pohlman

June 13th
Sara Beining

June 20th
Deb Burgei

June 27th
Adam & Beth Schnipke



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of May 9-10, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,541.00
Loose Cash—\$ 753.00
Parish Center—\$ 60.00
Church Repair—\$ 160.00

For the week of May 16-17, 2026

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,144.00
Loose Cash—\$ 1,092.60
Parish Center—\$ 550.00
Energy—\$ 20.00
Ascension—\$ 621.00
Catholic Communications—\$ 40.00
Church Repair—\$ 60.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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\$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, May 20, 2026:
#710— Sharyn Smith, Van Wert

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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 30 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Annabelle Buss, Jonah Buss, Maggie Buss
May 31 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Brynn Horstman, Mya Horstman, Ty Horstman

LECTORS

May 30 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Jill Wenzlick
May 31 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Tom Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 30 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Host Front/Center: Julie Brickner Host Handicapped/Choir: Makayla Unterbrink Cup-Mary's Side: Peggy Pohlman Cup-Joseph's Side: Kim Wannemacher
May 31 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Host Front/Center: Sheila Miller Host Handicapped/Choir: Sarah Zeller Cup-Mary's Side: Lois Hoersten Cup-Joseph's Side: Nancy Vetter

USHERS

May 30 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Randy Altenburger, Tim Eickholt, Joel Edelbrock, Gary Pohlman
May 31 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Larry Beining, Tom Markward, Adam Schnipke, Jerry Turnwald

FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS

May 30 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Janet, Bill, Mary Lou & Sally Altenburger; Jerry & Tim Landwhr
May 31 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Mildred Beining

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

May	25 (Mon)	Louise Horstman
May	26 (Tues)	Delores Johnson
May	27 (Wed)	Sharon Horstman
May	28 (Thurs)	Judy Horstman
May	29 (Fri)	Lynn Horstman
May	30 (Sat)	Linda Kaufman
May	31 (Sun)	Anna Kaverman



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING

Week of May 24th: Judy Eickholt
Weeks of May 31st & June 7th: Kathy Wehri

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