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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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Mass Intentions

11/21 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Landwehr & Birkemeier Family; Jerry & Tim Landwehr
11/22 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Donald Schlagbaum
11/23 (Monday)	No Mass
11/24 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m.	Elmer & Armella Martz
11/25 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. **Thanksgiving Mass**	Paul & Bettie Altenburger Kenneth & Margery Kroeger Eugene, Anna, & Paul Odenweller
11/26 (Thursday) 9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's
11/27 (Friday)	No Mass
11/28 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Doris Herman
11/29 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's John Ricker

Next Weekend's Readings – Nov 28 & 29, 2026

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Wedding

Congratulations to

Jacob & Taylor Hermiller



WEDDING BANNS II:

Elizabeth Moorman & Bradley Eickholt



WEDDING BANNS I:

Lindsay Schweller & Dustin Trenkamp





MEMORIAL FLOWERS & CANDLES ON THE ALTAR

Kenneth & Margery Kroger

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, November 29th
Ottoville – Service at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2nd
Fort Jennings – Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th
Kalida – Service at 4:00 p.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15th
Glandorf – Service at 4:00 p.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th
New Cleveland – Service at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21st
Ottawa – Service at 4:00 p.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Multiple priests will be available

Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th** in observance of Thanksgiving

Please plan ahead for any parish business or scheduling that may require attention before the holiday.

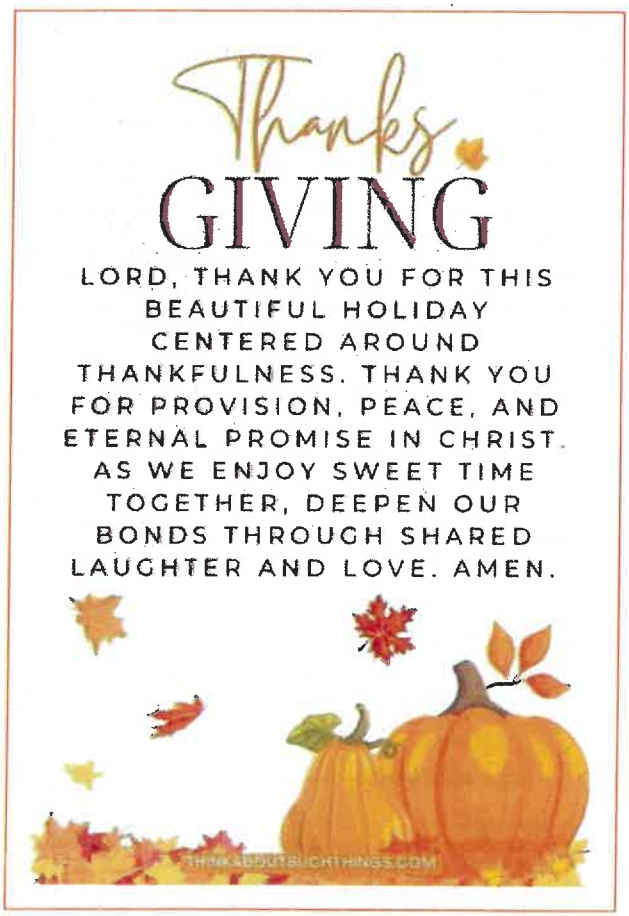
We wish everyone a safe, Blessed, and happy Thanksgiving filled with Gratitude and joy!



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Hello Friends,

Last weekend we prayed for and celebrated the OCIA Catechumens and Candidates at the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming at Immaculate Conception. As previously stated, this year's group is of historical proportions! We have a total of 13 in the program! Many thanks to Shannan Schlagbaum for reaching out and supporting these Catechumens and Candidates and facilitating the program in her first year as OCIA leader! Inviting people, especially those you know, to consider becoming part of our Church may lead to them saying yes! Personal invites and personal encouragement matter! (And setting a good example to others matters too!) Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey. (When I asked them how their lives have changed during OCIA one Candidate said, "I notice that my social media feed has become much more Catholic!") The next milestone event for the group will be The Rite of Election (takes place early in the new year). This year's Easter Vigil is shaping up to be a big one!



Blessings for a great Thanksgiving! Thank you in advance for your generosity with our holiday collections at Immaculate Conception (on Wednesday night) and St. Barbara (on Thanksgiving) for the Putnam County Food Pantry program. Your generosity makes a difference. This is the beginning of the season of giving. God sees all the good that you do. Every bit of charity helps take the pressure off those who are already financially strained. So many of us, in different situations (not just materially) need support and some extra help. Let's always return the blessings we have been given. It's one of the ways we honor Christ the King! (We celebrate Christ the King this weekend!)

Thanksgiving is a fundamental way of life in our Catholic Faith. The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". And so, it is important to be truly thankful. For us Catholics in the United States, especially in Putnam County (with an abundance of active parishes) it is "easy" to receive Holy Communion anytime we want. The important part is to never take the Body of Christ for granted or approach the Sacrament with a sense of entitlement. What does this mean? Well, if you haven't thought about it in a while, remember all that Jesus did to make this Sacrament possible. Truly think of him and be humble. This is why it is important to "go to Him", to go to Mass, to walk up the aisle (if you are physically able that is what we are supposed to do to receive Communion) and express, by your reverence, a spirit of gratitude. Remember His Passion. Catholic Communion is not merely "bread and wine", it's Jesus' salvific Body and Blood and Soul and Divinity. We know this, but sometimes we must intentionally remind ourselves to sincerely increase our awe, appreciation, and reverence for the Lord and for the Sacrament.

There is so much we can be grateful for. So, along the way, try not to compare yourselves to others or to lament what has passed; instead, find something in the here and now to be thankful for and find hope for the future. And in the weeks ahead during the shopping season, please be mindful and be kind to people who do important and unheralded work such as cashiers, custodians, restaurant workers, retail workers, truck drivers and many others who keep our society and lifestyle going very often by working on the holidays! This is a special time of year, and we can all do our part. Blessings to you and your family members and friends as you prepare for another Thanksgiving holiday! –Fr. George Mahas—

Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Collection

The Knights of Columbus will be taking up a ***special collection*** at the Thanksgiving Eve Mass on **Wednesday, November 25th**, to benefit the **Putnam County Food Pantry.**

Please note that this will be a **monetary donation only collection.** Your generosity will help support local families in need during this season of gratitude.



Angel Tree 2026: Help Share the Joy of Christmas



The Angel Tree is now available at Immaculate Conception Church!

This year, our parish is partnering with **Heartbeat of Lima** and a local school community to provide **Christmas Bags for 270 children, ages 3-10**. Many of these children face significant challenges, and for some, these gifts and essentials may be among the few Christmas blessings they receive this season. **The need is especially great this year.** We are seeking donations of new items to help fill Christmas Bags with gifts, necessities, and love.

Grab a heart off the Angel Tree in the back of church or simply **scan the QR code** to access the Amazon Wish List and purchase needed items.

Would you prefer to give financially? Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket. Please mark all donations **"Angel Tree."**

Please return all new, unwrapped gifts with the attached angel tag by Tuesday, December 1st.

Together, we can help ensure that 270+ local children experience the joy, warmth, and love of Christmas. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and bringing hope to children and families in our community. Questions? Contact **Dawn at 419-513-9835.**

Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for local children and families!

Christmas Poinsettias

Once again, we will be decorating our church with beautiful Poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. Suggested donation amount is $25. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out below and place this form in the collection with your payment or bring to the Parish Office by **Monday, December 14th. You may also use the QR code.**

Purchaser's Name: _____

In Memory Of:_____

Preserving Our Church for Future Generations – Looking Towards the Future....

From the twin steeples to the intricate paintings and murals to the awe-inspiring stained-glass windows, Immaculate Conception is truly a place of beauty and craftsmanship. Built by many of our own ancestors, it is our duty and our privilege to maintain the church for future generations. As part of this mission, the Parish Council recently had a professional slate roofing company come in to provide us an opinion on the condition of the roof.

Although we've been unable to locate exact records on the main roof (if anyone has info, please let us know!), we do know that it is **approximately 50 years old**. You may have noticed pieces of slate missing from the roof in the past, especially after windstorms. Lee Construction has been periodically brought in to repair the affected areas.
This of course has led to questions. Does the slate need to be replaced? Is there other maintenance we should be doing?

The Durable Slate Company of Columbus was contacted to help us answer these questions. After looking at the roof, they were able to tell us that the slate is a top-quality slate, most likely Pennsylvania Black and while there are no immediate issues, it is showing signs of age. Discoloration on the edges and shading of brown and tan areas are signs of aging. The current recommendation was to continue to repair areas as pieces are lost, but at some point, in the future it will need to be replaced.

While the current roof has some years left, eventually we will be faced with a significant expense for the parish. The short-term plan is to monitor the roof and repair damaged areas as soon as possible to prevent and limit interior damage. The Parish Council will continue gathering additional information and exploring long term options. More will be shared as we put together a long-term plan.



Thank you for your continued care and support of Immaculate Conception Church!







Happy Thanksgiving!!

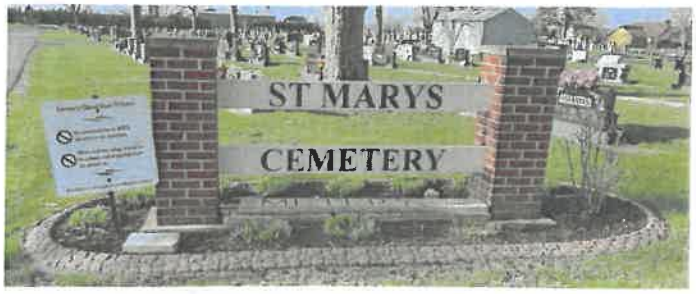


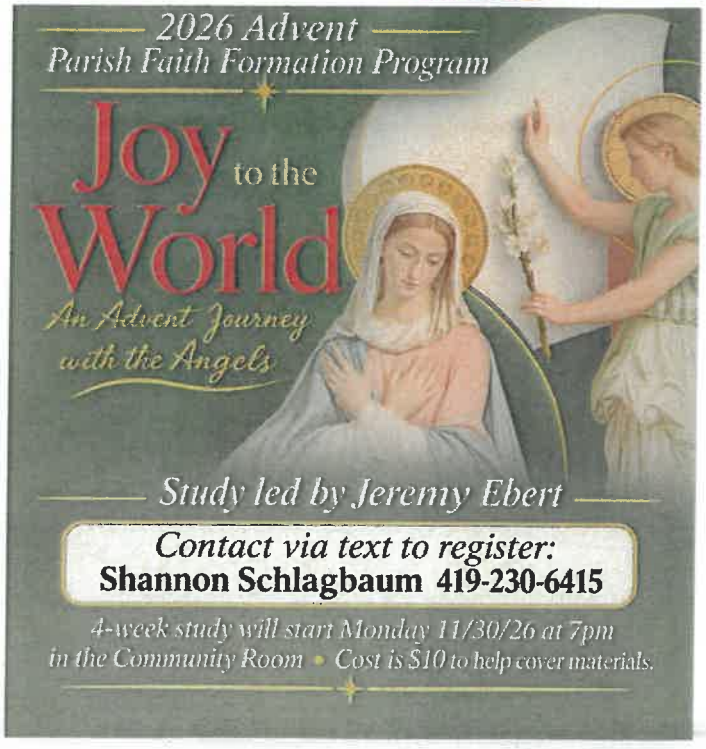


St. Mary's Cemetery – Maintenance Help Needed

The **St. Mary's Cemetery Board** is seeking a **Lead Maintenance Person**, as well as others who may be interested in helping with cemetery maintenance.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Cemetery Board President Eric Schnipke at 419-905-8947**.





Welcoming Our OCIA Catechumens & Candidates

This past Sunday our parish celebrated the **Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming** with the largest group of Catechumens and Candidates in living memory! These 13 individuals are responding to the Lord's call and discerning their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

We are grateful to our parish community for welcoming and supporting them, and especially to **OCIA leader Shannon Schlagbaum** for guiding and facilitating this journey of formation and discernment.

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates! Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion during Lent**, and ultimately the **Easter Vigil**, when they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation and enter more fully into the life of the Church.



Vocation Corner

The saints remind us that holiness is possible for everyone, in every vocation and every walk of life. They show us how responding to God's call leads to joy and eternal life.

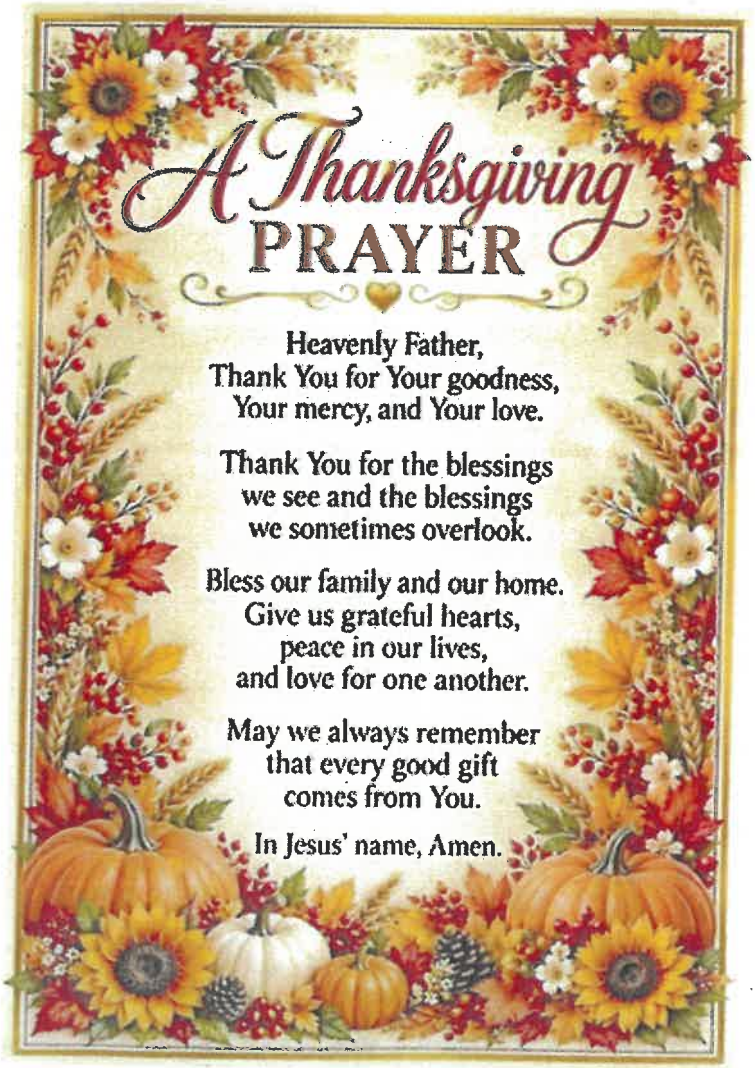
At your family table today, talk about ,
"How did I say YES to God this week?

Sacristan Ministry – Seeking a New Team Member

We are seeking a dependable and detail-oriented individual to join our parish team as a **Sacristan!** This important ministry helps create a welcoming and prayerful environment for worship by preparing the church, altar, sacred vessels, vestments, and liturgical materials for Mass and other celebrations.

The Sacristan works closely with our clergy and liturgical ministers to ensure that all celebrations are prepared with reverence, dignity, and hospitality. The ideal candidate is organized, attentive to detail, and has a desire to support the worship life of our Catholic Church. **Availability on weekends and holy days is required.**

If you are interested in serving our parish in this special ministry, please contact the parish office at **419-453-3513.**



2027 Women's Welcome Retreat

January 23-24

Free for All Women

Join us for a faith-filled weekend designed to renew your spirit! Come experience a weekend of prayer, laughter, and reflection as we learn and grow together in Christ.

Register today via QR Code.

For more info, and/or to sign up contact:
Julie Schimmoeller (419)302-1746
Connie Kreischer (419)203-6288
Megan Wehri (419)303-1481

Want to Support the Retreat?

Donation envelopes are available in the narthex or give online via the QR code.

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve

Servers: Landen Saxton, Savannah Kuhlman, Sophia Kuhlman

Lector: Rochelle Trenkamp

Communion Distributors: Danielle Swint, Tammy Saxton

Ushers: Art Langhals, Steve Beining, Dan Honigford, Trent Kuhlman

Gifts: Ralph & Sue Luersman

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



November 21st
Adam & Beth Schnipke

November 28th
Sara (Kevin) Beining

OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of November 7-8, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 3,174.00
Loose Cash - $ 832.00
Parish Center - $ 100.00
Energy - $ 40.00
All Saints Day - $ 100.00
Initial Offering - $ 5.00
October EFT - $ 8,140.00

For the week of November 14-15, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 2,981.00
Loose Cash - $ 1,155.00
Parish Center - $ 115.00
Energy - $ 686.00
All Saints Day - $ 10.00
Human Development - $ 186.00

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS NEWS

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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 November 18, 2026
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MINISTERS OF MASS

If you are unable to fill you scheduled service, please do Your best to find a replacement

SERVERS		
Nov 28 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Ethan Birkemeier, Courtney Burgei, Kendall Burgei
Nov 29 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Carson Beining, Ryken Napao, Landon Pohlman
LECTORS		
Nov 28 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Carl Turnwald
Nov 29 10:30 am	(Sunday)	April Beining
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Nov 28 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	**Host Front/Center:** Bonnie Beining **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Brooklyn Koester **Cup – Mary's Side:** Angie Birkemeier **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Brielin Birkemeier
Nov 29 10:30 am	(Sunday)	**Host Front/Center:** Erica Brickner **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Kendall Schnipke **Cup – Mary's Side:** Jessica Wurst **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Samuel Beining
USHERS		
Nov 28 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Evan Altenburger, Brian Altenburger, Bill Beining, Jerry Kaverman
Nov 29 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Matt Eickholt, David Fischbach, Ty Horstman, Gene Turnwald
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTYORY GIFTS		
Nov 28 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Doris Herman
Nov 29 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of John Ricker
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY		
Nov	**23** (Mon)	Amy (Mike) Ricker
Nov	**24** (Tues)	Connie Ricker
Nov	**25** (Wed)	Emily Risner
Nov	**26** (Thurs)	Jessica Ricker
Nov	**27** (Fri)	Tasha Rosselit
Nov	**28** (Sat)	Karen Ricker
Nov	**29** (Sun)	Ruth Ricker
ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING		
Week of Nov. 22nd – Dawn Schnipke		
MONEY COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER		
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