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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

11/07 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Terry & Margie Byrne
11/08 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Michael Byrne – 30th Day Urban (Bud) & Dorothy Honigford
11/09 (Monday)	No Mass
11/10 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m.	Al & Margie Honigford; Diane Honigford
11/11 (Wednesday) 7:50 a.m.	Paul & Marilyn Hoehn
11/12 (Thursday) 8:00 a.m.	James Kramer – 7th Day Marna Ellen Finnerty
11/13 (Friday) 8:00 a.m.	Chuck Burgei
11/14 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Walter Brickner
11/15 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Marty Gerdeman

Next Weekend's Readings – Nov 14 & 15, 2026

Proverbs 31:10-13 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

WEDDING BANNS II:

Taylor Beining &
Jacob Hermiller



Weekend Mass Intentions & Parish Updates

Next week we will have an update about our weekend ***Mass intentions for Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara parishes regarding the Pro Populo weekend intention.***

We will also have an update about St. Barbara a year after the elimination of the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Thank you for your attention.

New Ministry Schedule Available

The new Ministry Schedule has been emailed to all volunteers. Printed copies are also available for pick-up at all church entrances & in the Parish Office.

Please be sure to take a copy. Thank you for your continued service!

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.**

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Lisa Bendele for her many years of dedicated service as our Sacristan. Lisa will be concluding her time as Sacristan at the end of this month. We are truly grateful for the time, care, and commitment she has given to our parish!

OCIA
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Rite of Acceptance & Rite of Welcoming

Next Sunday, **November 15th, at the 10:30 mass,** we will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming** for our **13** OCIA) candidates.

These special rites mark an important step in each candidate's journey of faith. The Rite of Acceptance welcomes those who are beginning their journey toward becoming Catholic into the order of catechumens. The Rite of Welcoming recognizes those who are already baptized Christians and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

Through these celebrations, our candidates publicly express their desire to continue growing in faith and preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We, as a parish community, also have the privilege of welcoming them, supporting them, and praying for them as they continue their journey toward Christ.

Please join us in keeping our **13 catechumens and candidates** in your prayers as they take this meaningful next step in their faith journey. May God bless them and guide them along the way!

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

On November 11th as the Catholic Church commemorates St. Martin of Tours, Patron Saint for Soldiers, we as a nation will celebrate Veterans Day. This annual day of commemoration is very meaningful to so many of us. We readily honor all of our military veterans. (Both St. Mary/Immaculate Conception Cemetery and St. Barbara Cemetery honor those who served. Thank you to the local dedicated volunteers for bringing such honor and respect to all of our military veterans' graves from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. And particular thanks to the St. Barbara volunteers and supporters for financing winter wreaths for the veterans' graves.)

We are witnessing many changes in our culture and society, and one of them is the passing of one generation to the next. Once upon a time we had many World War II veterans. Now, there are very few. And once upon a time (not too long ago) our Vietnam vets were young adults from the cities and small towns. Now, most of them are of retirement age! In the history of American warfare and Americans serving overseas, the Vietnam War time is still very raw in many people's memories. In particular, many of the returning soldiers were treated poorly when they came back. This includes given dirty or judgmental looks. In our parish communities, we have men who served in this war and saw things that some of them have never talked about. We pray for their continued healing. As we know, some trauma requires a lifetime of healing. There are many things in life that you just don't "get over". But, to survive and to be our best selves, we try to get healing. We ask for God's grace and mercy.



Since the Vietnam era we have made it our particular effort to be extra respectful of not only veterans, but also of their families and even their next-of-kin. Such outreach and support of the veterans does not go unnoticed. It is greatly appreciated. It's one of the many ways we can both practice our faith and patriotism.

And as we know (especially anyone who are military buffs), there are so many stories. Some veterans told the story of Major Fr. Charles Joseph Watters. As you can see in the pic, he did not have the luxury of having normal vestments or a normal altar (he used ammo boxes), but he kept his men fed with the Body of Christ. Catholic chaplains, along with providing prayer and the Sacraments, also placed themselves in harm's way to help and to be with the wounded. Below is a citation about Fr. Watters given by the men he helped to save. Some among us are only here because someone saved us. This testimony led to him receiving, posthumously, the Medal of Honor. Blessings to all of our veterans. –Fr. George Mahas—

When a wounded paratrooper was standing in shock in front of the assaulting forces, Chaplain Watters ran forward, picked the man up on his shoulders and carried him to safety. As the troopers battled to the first enemy entrenchment, Chaplain Watters ran through the intense enemy fire to the front of the entrenchment to aid a fallen comrade. A short time later, the paratroopers pulled back in preparation for a second assault. Chaplain Watters exposed himself to both friendly and enemy fire between the 2 forces in order to recover 2 wounded soldiers. Later, when the battalion was forced to pull back into a perimeter, Chaplain Watters noticed that several wounded soldiers were lying outside the newly formed perimeter. Without hesitation and ignoring attempts to restrain him, Chaplain Watters left the perimeter three times in the face of small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire to carry and to assist the injured troopers to safety. Satisfied that all of the wounded were inside the perimeter, he began aiding the medics–applying field bandages to open wounds, obtaining and serving food and water, giving spiritual and mental strength and comfort. During his ministering, he moved out to the perimeter from position to position redistributing food and water, and tending to the needs of his men. Chaplain Watters was giving aid to the wounded when he himself was mortally wounded. Chaplain Watters' unyielding perseverance and selfless devotion to his comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.

Congratulations, Big Green & Lady Green!

For the first time in Ottoville history, **BOTH** Soccer teams are **District Champions!** What an incredible accomplishment!

We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, belief in one another, and commitment to your teams. What a historic season!

Blessings to all the students, coaches, and families who have made this season so special.



Congratulations to this amazing group of students!



A special **THANK YOU** to **Roxann Furley** for capturing this amazing group photo of both the boys' and girls' soccer teams together!

What a wonderful way to celebrate this historic accomplishment!

November

Finance Council Seeking New Members

Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council is seeking **one new member** to help guide the financial stewardship of our parish. **Candidates must be a practicing Catholic of outstanding integrity who is skilled in financial affairs and civil law, with experience in accounting, investments, real estate, general management, and/or other areas of stewardship.**

If you are interested in serving our parish in this important role, please contact the Parish Office at **419-453-3513**. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and willingness to share your gifts and talents in service to our parish family.

Cemetery Improvements



A heartfelt thank-you to **Vorst Paving** for paving a section of our cemetery this week!

We would also like to extend a HUGE thank-you to the **Ottoville VFW** for their generous donation, which will go a long way in helping cover the cost of this wonderful addition.

We are truly grateful for the generosity and support of our community in helping us continue to care for and improve our cemetery. Thank you!



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.

Meeting Location Reminder

The **TMIY, SHE, & ARS/WOW** meetings on **Saturday, November 14th,** will be held in the **Family Room** instead of the Community Room.

We Look forward to seeing everyone there!

2027 Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes for **2027** are available in the Narthex. **After November 15th, any envelopes that have not been picked up will be moved to the Parish Office for pickup during regular office hours.**

If you would like to begin receiving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office **at 419-453-3513** or email **icoffice@icchurchottoville.org**

If you currently receive envelopes but would prefer to switch to **Online Giving or EFT**, please reach out to the Parish Office, and we will gladly update your information. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish!**

Annual Scout Food Drive

Our Cub Scouts will be handing out food drive bags the weekend of **November 7th & 8th,** and our Boy Scouts will collect the filled bags the following weekend, **November 14th & 15th.**

Some of the items especially needed include **jelly, pasta, boxed macaroni & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, shampoo, and dish soap.**

Thank you for your generosity and for helping support those in need!

Contributions:

We kindly welcome financial contributions to support the spiritual mission of our parish, ensuring the growth and continuity of our ministries, educational programs, and daily operations.

Your contribution can be made with the security and convenience of online giving. Please visit our parish website at www.icchurchottoville.org/giving. On the Giving page of our website, you will find the Online Giving Button. Click on it to set up your account.

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You may also contribute your tithes using envelopes during the weekly Mass collection. If this method suits your preference and you need envelopes, kindly reach out to the parish office at **419-453-3513.**

KRAUT FEST

Homemade Sauerkraut, Whole Hog Sausage Link, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, & Pretzel Roll

$12

Sunday, November 15th

4 - 6 pm



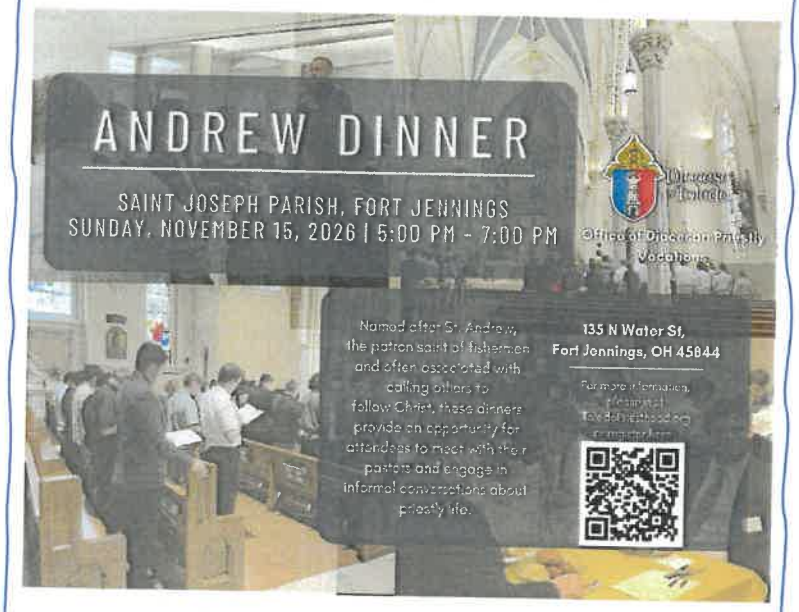
Proceeds benefit Parish / Community Projects and Scholarships

Contact any member or scan the Q/R code with your camera, fill out the form and we will contact you -->

Sponsored by the Ottoville Area Community Club

Pick up @ Boy Scout Room between Church and Parish Center - Ottoville

VOCATION CORNER



How to Respond in Faith in times of Emergency and Crisis

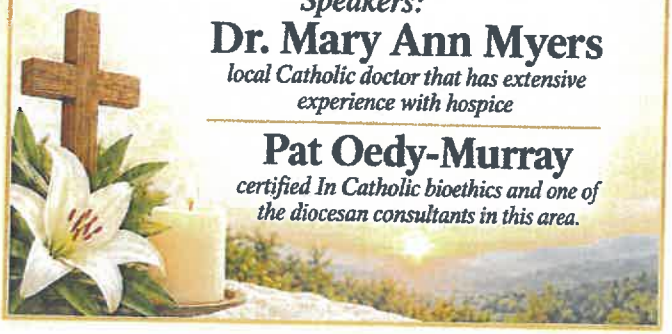
Catholic Care for the Sick and Dying

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, an opportunity to educate the faithful on the dignity of human life and the importance of compassionate care for those who are seriously ill or nearing the end of life.

Please join us

Saturday, Nov. 14, 9-10:30 AM

at St. John's Parish Center



Speakers:

Dr. Mary Ann Myers
local Catholic doctor that has extensive experience with hospice

Pat Oedy-Murray
certified In Catholic bioethics and one of the diocesan consultants in this area.



Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, at 7:30 pm** in **St. Michael's Church basement.**

All are welcome.

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November 28th
Sara (Kevin) Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of October 24-25, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 3,438.00
Loose Cash - $ 913.75
Parish Center - $ 355.00
Religious Ed - $ 260.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement - $ 165.00

For the week of Oct 31- Nov 1, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 2,691.00.00
Loose Cash - $ 1,176.00
Parish Center - $ 453.00
Energy - $ 20.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement - $ 20.00
All Saints Day - $ 567.00
Immaculate Conception - $21.00
World Mission Sunday - $ 1.00
October Online Giving - $2,555.58

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

New Members Always Welcome!
PICK 3 LOTTERY WINNERS:
$100.00 drawing for Wednesday November 4, 2026
#056 – Greg Vorst

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Last Week's
Pick 3 LOTTERY WINNER:

$100.00 drawing for Wednesday, October 28, 2026
#319 – Robert Warnecke

MINISTERS OF MASS

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

SERVERS		
Nov 14 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Evan Altenburger, Gemma Gasser, Tressel Gasser
Nov 15 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Renae Boecker, Savannah Kuhlman, Sophia Kuhlman
LECTORS		
Nov 14 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Julie Brickner
Nov 15 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Tom Beining
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Nov 14 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	**Host Front/Center:** Sherrie Looser **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Courtney Burgei **Cup – Mary's Side:** Shelly Landwehr **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Peggy Pohlman
Nov 15 10:30 am	(Sunday)	**Host Front/Center:** Sheila Miller **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Sophia Druckemiller **Cup – Mary's Side:** Lois Hoersten **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Sarah Zeller
USHERS		
Nov 14 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Brian Altenburger, Steve Beining, Daniel Bendele, Gary Pohlman
Nov 15 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Matt Eickholt, Kyla Ellerbrock, Tom Markward, Nancy Vetter
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTYORY GIFTS		
Nov 14 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Walter Brickner
Nov 15 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Marty Gerdeman

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY		
Nov	**09** (Mon)	Emily Plescher
Nov	**10** (Tues)	Jane Plescher
Nov	**11** (Wed)	Beth Pohlman
Nov	**12** (Thurs)	Peggy Pohlman
Nov	**13** (Fri)	Jenniger Quartana
Nov	**14** (Sat)	Alison Rayman
Nov	**15** (Sun)	Dorothy Rayman



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