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Congratulations & Blessings

To our 2026

Confirmation Students!!

Mass Intentions

10/24 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Tom Hilvers
10/25 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Ralph Averesch – 7th Day Paul & Bettie Altenburger
10/26 (Monday)	No Mass
10/27 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m.	Deceased members of Andrew & Matilda Altenburger Family
10/28 (Wednesday) 7:50 a.m.	Arleen Peters
10/29 (Thursday) 8:00 a.m.	Ryan & Ottie Beining
10/30 (Friday) 8:00 a.m.	Norbert & Marcella Bendele
10/31 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	William Otto, Henry Wueller, Wilma Ritchey
11/01 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Harold & Evelyn Wannemacher

Next Weekend's Readings – Oct 31- Nov 01, 2026

Revelation 7:2-4; 9-14 1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Wedding

Congratulations to

Andrew & Treslynn Schnipke



2027 Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes for **2027** are now available for pickup in the Narthex. 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!**

Next school year (2027/28), we will need a new heartfelt Catechist to take over teaching **2nd grade Religious Ed!**

This is a very rewarding teaching role, giving the opportunity to be more educated on the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

If you think you might be interested, please reach out to **the Parish Office** or **Sherrie Looser.**

Thank you for prayerfully considering!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptism on October 25th

Wyatt Wieman

Parents: Austin & Deidre Wieman

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptism on October 25th

Colette Van Oss

Parents: Joseph & Nicole Van Oss

Kindergarten Religious Education Teacher's Aide Needed

We are looking for a caring, faith-filled volunteer to serve as a **Kindergarten Religious Education Teacher's Aide** on Wednesday evenings from **6:30–7:30 p.m.**, beginning **January 6, 2027, through March 24, 2027**.



This is a wonderful opportunity to help our youngest students:

- Learn about the Catholic faith
- Grow in their relationship with Jesus
- Build a strong foundation in their faith

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office at **419-453-3513** or email **icreligioused@icchurchottoville.org**.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hello Friends,

Thanks once again to everyone who made the 2026 Confirmation Mass so special! Msgr. Kubacki was very impressed by the students, and he was grateful to meet the families. Such a celebration and collective support reflects the health and vigor of the Catholic faith in our area. Please continue to encourage and support one another in the growth of faith and to celebrate the special moments, most particularly the reception of the Sacraments. Again, congratulations and blessings to the newly Confirmed!

In other Catholic news, by now everyone knows about Pope Leo XIV's lung surgery. And, after the surgery he was diagnosed with lung cancer. His form of cancer is called adenocarcinoma. It's considered "dangerous with slightly higher levels of cure rates than other types of lung cancer" said Dr. John Heymach from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston (https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/what-is-adenocarcinoma-heres-what-to-know-about-pope-leo-xivs-form-of-lung-cancer). Cancer is a part of Pope Leo's family story. His mom battled cancer while she was also in her early and middle 70s. His father also passed away due to cancer. And one of his brothers, Louis, while an active retired man (he often accepts invites to media outlets for interviews; but he has, out of respect for his brother, toned down some of his more opinionated political views!), also battles cancer. But, in an encouraging sign for the pope, four days after the surgery, he was released to go back to the Vatican, and he resumed many of his duties (including addressing the large crowds in St. Peter's Square for the weekly Angelus address.) He thanked everyone for their prayers.

Some families have a history of cancer and for some it seemingly "comes out of nowhere". It is very difficult and frightening to enter into such a battle and such a change in one's way of life. This being said, faith and the support of family, friends, and health care providers makes a tremendous difference. Life is fragile. That's why we try not to take anything for granted and give thanks for our daily blessings.

A few saints that help us in the battles against cancer are St. Peregrine, St. Agatha, and St. Zelie Martin.



St. Peregrine (see pic from Cross in the Woods Shrine in MI) is the patron saint for all persons experiencing any forms of cancer. He was once something of a "bully", but then he repented and he joined the Servite religious order. Before his cancer miracle, he was known as the man who "never sat down". Part of it was keeping busy and part of it was his self-imposed sacrifice and penance. One day, his foot became pained and then obviously diseased with a cancer. It smelled bad and it was frightening. He was preparing for an amputation, and he prayed all night for grace. It is said that in his prayers Christ came to him from the crucifix, touched the diseased body and he was healed. Peregrine ended up living a long life and he has since become a patron saint for anyone of any cancer in their struggles against the disease.

Also, in the Catholic Church St. Agatha the Martyr is the Patron Saint for those experiencing breast cancer (this is due to the nature of her martyrdom.) Also, St. Zelie Martin, one of the more "modern" saints, and the mother of St. Therese of Lisieux, passed away due to breast cancer. As this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all people and all people affected by this particular cancer.

We all turn to Heaven for help with our special petitions. We pray for Pope Leo as he leads the Church while tending to his own personal cancer diagnosis; and we pray for all who need our prayers and we pray in thanksgiving for many healings and positive treatments that have helped so many of us.
–Fr. George Mahas—

Congratulations, IC 6th CYO/Youth Volleyball Champions!

Congratulations to our 6th Grade IC CYO/Youth Volleyball team on winning all four matches last Saturday to capture the Youth League Championship for the **second year in a row!**

The girls dominated the competition, winning every match 2–0, including an incredible comeback from a 14–3 deficit in one set!

We are so proud of these girls as they finish their parish CYO/Youth Volleyball years on such a high note. Their hard work, faith, and talent truly shined! Special thanks to their outstanding coaches and blessings to all the parents and families for their support.

Congratulations, girls, on an amazing season and back-to-back championships!



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!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Cheryl Siefker!

We extend our sincere thanks to Cheryl Siefker for her more than **20 years** of dedicated service on the **Immaculate Conception Finance Council.** Cheryl has generously shared her time, knowledge, and talents to help care for the financial well-being of our parish. We are truly grateful for her commitment, thoughtful guidance, and the many ways she has supported our parish family over the years. Thank you, Cheryl, for your years of faithful service and for making such a meaningful difference in our parish community!

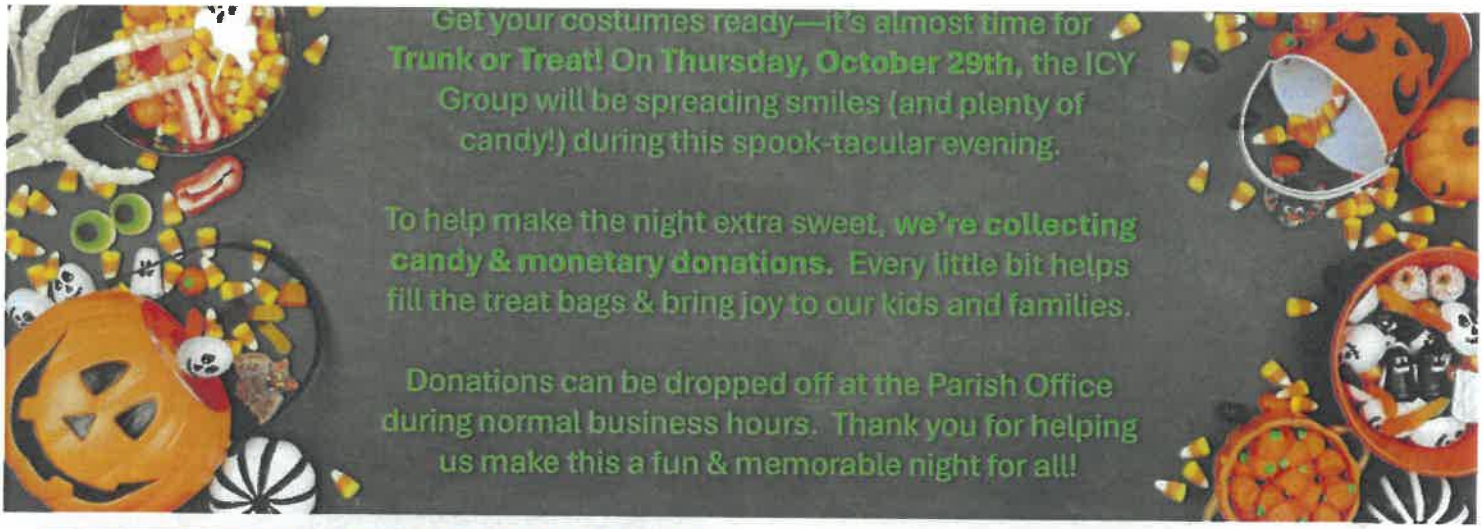


Finance Council Seeking New Members

Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council is seeking **two new members** to help guide the financial stewardship of our parish. **Candidates must be practicing Catholics of outstanding integrity who are 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.





Men of Immaculate Conception parish.
Join us for this year's WELCOME RETREAT at Glandorf St. John's January 30-31st, 2027. Connect with other men from Putnam County and develop a faith life built to face the challenges of today's world. Set aside a weekend aimed at becoming a better friend, husband, father, and brother in Christ, while growing deeper in your Catholic faith.

Criteria: Men 18+

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Scan QR code to register, or contact us with questions

Sam Beining (419)230-6556
Jeremy Ebert (419)569-3942
Darren Schimmoeller (419)302-1745

Fall Craft SHOW

The Rosary Altar Society is seeking more vendors for their annual Craft Show on November 7th.

If interested, please contact Stacie Warnecke at 419-769-3025

Sts. Peter and Paul Fall Festival

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa is hosting its annual **Fall Festival on Sunday, November 1st!**

Chicken and roast beef dinners will be served from **11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Dinner prices are **$15 for adults** and **$7 for children under 12.** Carryout dinners available for **$15 each.**

Enjoy the country store featuring crafts, baked goods, holiday items, games, raffles, and more!

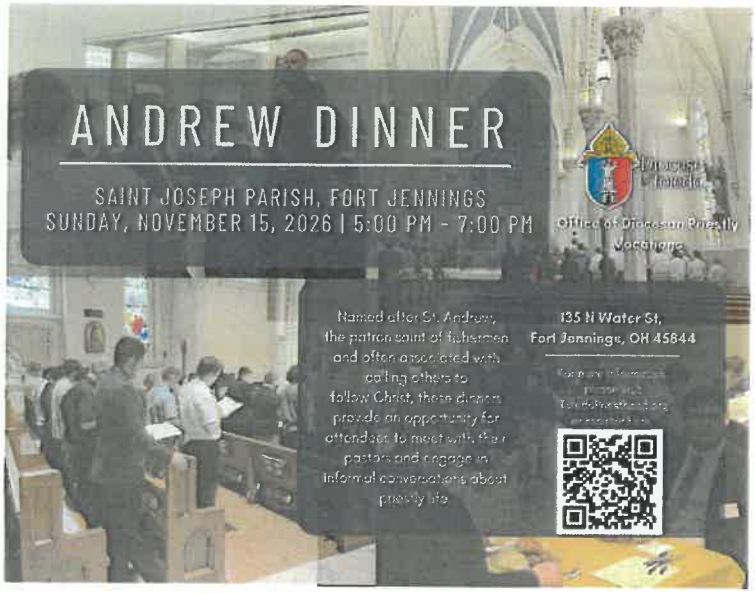
Everyone is Welcome!

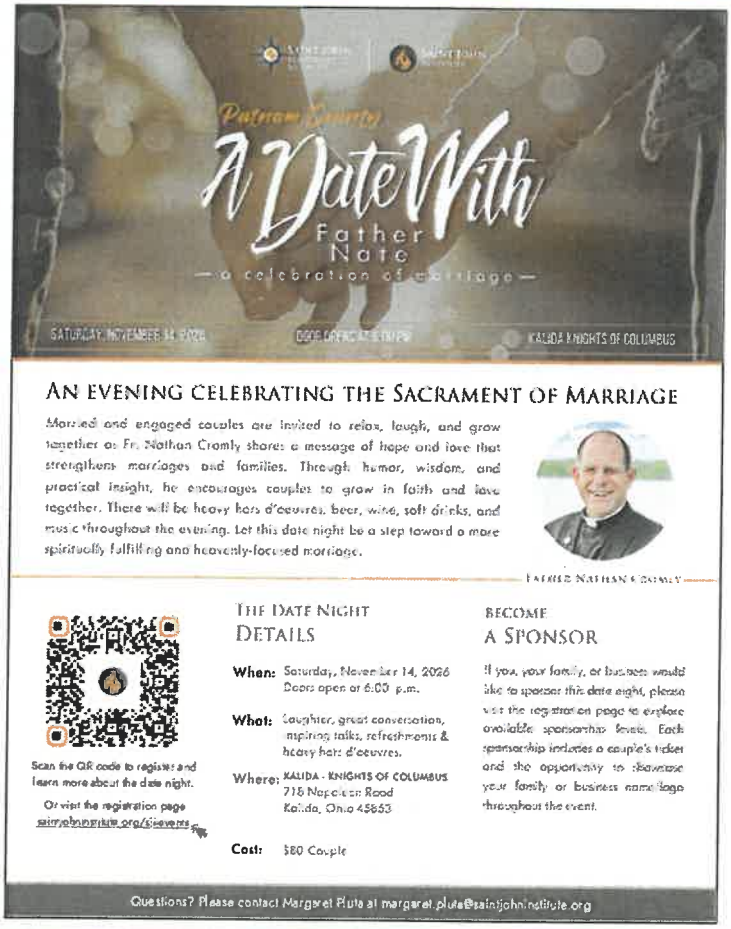
VOCATION CORNER

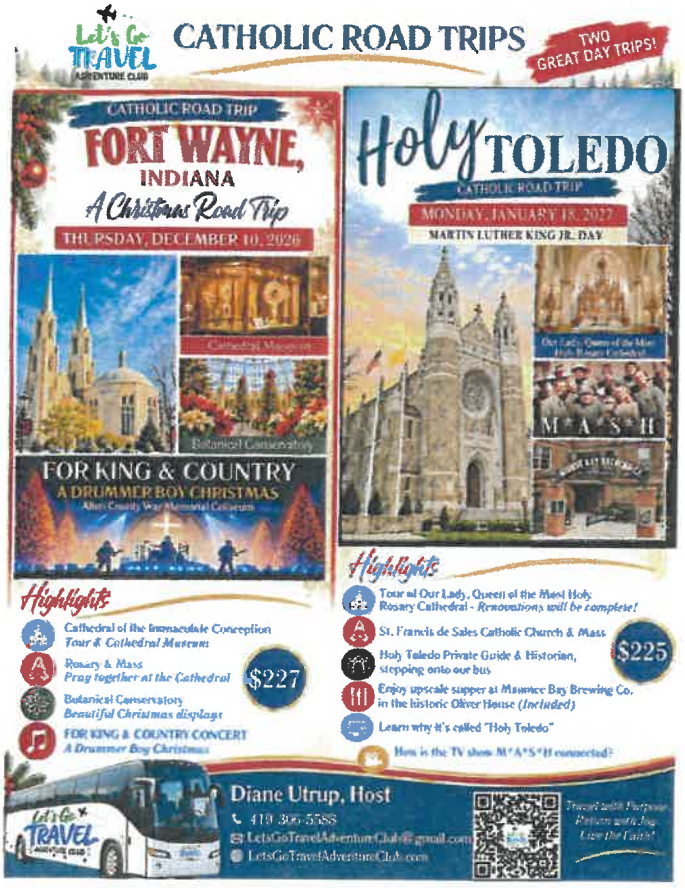
Introducing a new addition to our parish bulletin!

The purpose of *Vocation Corner* is to raise awareness of and encourage reflection on the vocations of *Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, and Sacramental Marriage*.

May this space inspire us to pray for those discerning their vocation and to support all those who have answered God's call in their lives.







Surviving the Holidays

For many, the holiday season is a happy and joy-filled time. But if the loss of a loved one has you dreading the upcoming season, and wondering how you will cope, we can help.

Volunteers from the parishes of Delphos St. John the Evangelist, Landeck St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick's of Spencerville invite you to a special one evening program **called "Surviving the Holidays"** to be held at **6:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday evening, November 17, 2026** in the **St. Johns Ministry Center at 201 North Pierce Street in Delphos.**

Our program will provide helpful hints and suggestions on how you can navigate the holidays with God's help while still remembering your lost loved ones.

There is no charge to attend. Registration in advance is not required by greatly appreciated. To register or get more information call **Kathy Ulm at 419-516-3994.**

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



October 24th
Deb Burgei

October 31st
Sara Beining

OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of October 10-11, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 3,513.00
Loose Cash - $ 517.40
Parish Center - $ 396.00
Religious Ed - $ 176.00
Initial Offering - $ 20.00
World Mission Sunday - $ 10.00

For the week of October 17-18, 2026

Sacrificial Offering - $ 3,643.00
Loose Cash - $ 1458.00
Parish Center - $ 185.00
Religious Ed - $ 160.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement - $ 40.00
World Mission Sunday - $ 191.00
Solemnity of Mary - $ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS NEWS

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Knights of Columbus Council 2238
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 October 21, 2026
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Women of the Word

Women coming together to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in prayer and acts of charity for our community

Second Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m.
(following the SHE meetings when those are in session)

Location: Community Room at the Ottoville Parish Center

MINISTERS OF MASS

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

SERVERS		
Oct 31 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Evan Altenburger, Greyson Beaubien, Harrison Beaubien
Nov 01 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Josh Brandeberry, Vanessa Hilvers, Jenna Suever
LECTORS		
Oct 31 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Carl Turnwald
Nov 01 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Michelle Kortokrax
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Oct 31 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	**Host Front/Center:** Judy Eickholt **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Sherrie Looser **Cup – Mary's Side:** Bonnie Beining **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Sara Beining
Nov 01 10:30 am	(Sunday)	**Host Front/Center:** Kim Wannemacher **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Andreya Swint **Cup – Mary's Side:** Jessica Wurst **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Danielle Swint
USHERS		
Oct 31 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Brian Altenburger, Bill Beining, Allan Honigford, Jerry Kaverman
Nov 01 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Kirt Martz, Darrell Von Sossan, Todd Miller, John Vetter
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTYORY GIFTS		
Oct 31 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Volunteers Needed
Nov 01 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Harold & Evelyn Wannemacher

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY		
Oct	**26** (Mon)	Lori Niemeyer
Oct	**27** (Tues)	May Lou Niemeyer
Oct	**28** (Wed)	Kelly Moreno
Oct	**29** (Thurs)	Jamie Nussbaum
Oct	**30** (Fri)	Erika Norbeck
Oct	**31** (Sat)	Julie Nussbaum
Nov	**01** (Sun)	Lisa Modica



ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING
Week of Oct 25th: Don & Sherrie Looser Family
MONEY COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER
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