All Souls' Day

NOVEMBER 2



Pray for Our Faithfully Departed

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Patricia King

Dorothy R. Bower

Elma C. Kaufman

Fr. Jerry Schetter

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Michael A. Byrne

Ralph R. Averesch

Mass Intentions

10/31 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	William Otto, Henry Wueller, Wilma Ritchey
11/01 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Harold & Evelyn Wannemacher
11/02 (Monday)	No Mass
11/03 (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m.	For the People of Immaculate Conception & St. Barbara Parish
11/04 (Wednesday) 7:50 a.m.	Donald B. & Celesta Miller; Carla A. Landin; Roxy Miller; Theor Miller
11/05 (Thursday) 8:00 a.m.	Tom Hilvers
11/06 (Friday) 8:00 a.m.	Ralph & Irene Miller; Sue Logan; Jim & Nancy Spencer
11/07 (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.	Terry & Margie Byrne
11/08 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Barbara's Michael Byrne – 30th Day Urban (Bud) & Dorothy Honigford

Next Weekend's Readings – Nov 07 & 08, 2026

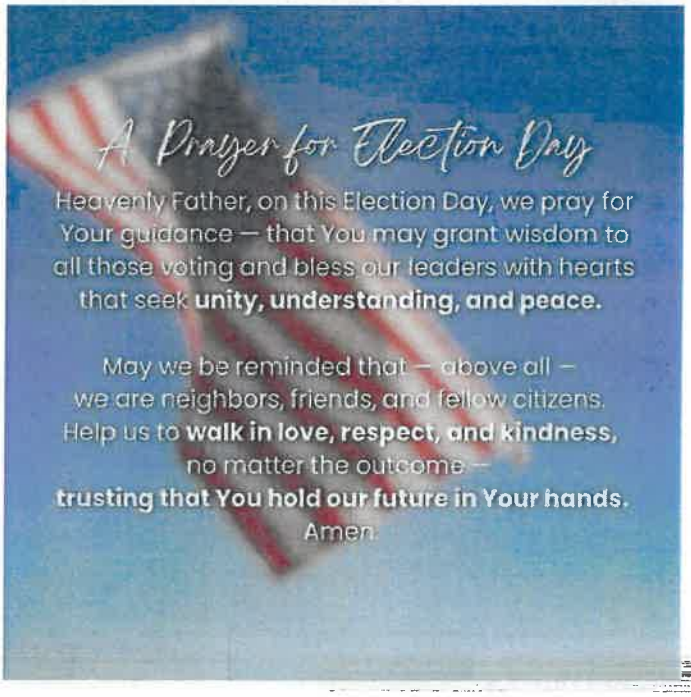
Wisdom 6:12-16 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

WEDDING BANNS I:

Taylor Beining &
Brandon Hermiller





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.



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!**

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

Liturgical Ministers

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

Solemnity of All Saints

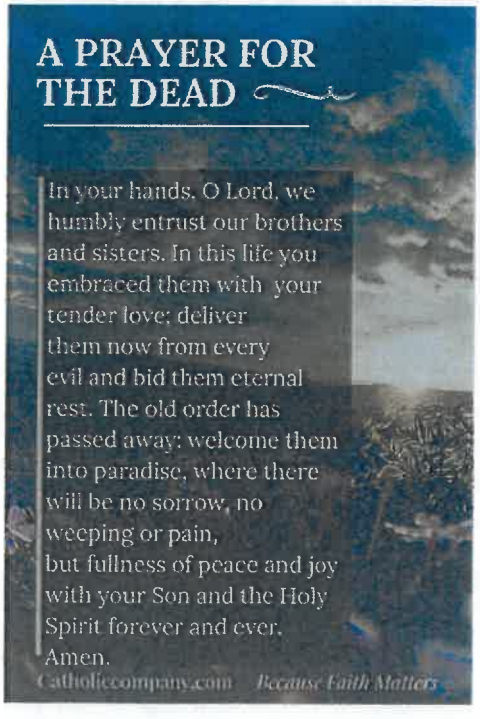
Hello Friends,

Prayers for our state and country on Election Day! (I know that people will be grateful for the end of the political ads!) Whatever the results, we try our best to stay positive and we remember: God is in charge. We pray for our state, and we pray for our nation!

This month, in the Church, we remember those who have passed away: we honor and pray for our beloved dead. This is a Catholic tradition dating back centuries. We start out on a most hopeful note by remembering all those who no longer need our prayers: we remember those who have made it to Heaven, All Saints.

The Solemnity of All Saints (which this year falls on a weekend) is the celebration of the heavenly family. The readings remind us of Heaven and how Heaven is a place very full of the best of all souls and spirits (angels). And it's the Light of God that is the Light for all. As Catholics we certainly have our devotion to particular saints, and we have memorials and feast days to honor them; but "All Saints" are the entire group of the "Blessed" (Jesus talks about the Blessed in this weekend's Beatitudes Gospel reading). Why does the Church canonize some and not others? There are particular persons who were known for their holiness, faithfulness, and bravery (martyrs are particular kinds of saints) and people would ask for their ongoing intercession (even after the holy persons died). When the Church verifies heavenly miracles coming from these persons, the case becomes that much easier that God has chosen them to serve as ongoing helpers of the Church as canonized saints. In saying this, we assuredly have family members or friends who have made it to Heaven who occasionally help us in subtle ways. In other words, the family of faith is big with a very wide heavenly reach!

So, what is our responsibility in regard to the dead. As we know, Burying the Dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy and Praying for the Living and the Dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. The Church encourages hope about our dead, but we do not encourage presumption. Only God is the judge and only God knows the secrets of every human heart. Most souls do need to be purified. In the Parable of the Wedding Feast (Mt 22: 1-14) Jesus made a strong point about no one sneaking in without their "wedding garment". There is no "sneaking into" Heaven. If we have a debt (our sins), yes, God is merciful, but we have to pay the last penny (Mt 5: 25-26). We do our part (while we can) in the purification process: we pray, we make our Confessions and especially in November, we are mindful of our mortality, and we pray for All Souls. Do it for them and someone will do it for you! Most souls, according to our understanding, pass through Purgatory. They are on the path to Heaven but must be purified first. This is why we have Masses said for the dead. This weekend we will pray for and honor the dead of the past year of Immaculate Conception and St. Barbara parishes. Our prayers and condolences to all family and friends of these faithful departed.



What happens to a person when they die has been a timeless question. One of the most inspiring moments of the Gospel is the story of "The Good Thief" (Lk 23:39-43), who defended Jesus when Jesus was being mocked. The Good Thief, crucified alongside Jesus, did a good and selfless deed before he died and professed faith in Jesus. Jesus said to him in response to the man's famous, humble, yet bold request, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom", "Amen I say to you, this very day you will be with me in Paradise." What happens on the other side of life has a lot to do with our choices; what and who you believe in; where you really want to be; and who you want to be with. Prayers for all, especially those in greatest need of prayer. –Fr. George Mahas—

Blessings and Best Wishes to Riley Kemper!

Congratulations to Riley as he advances to **Cross Country Sectionals in Tiffin!**

Riley has been a standout runner in the Big Green Cross Country program for years, and he continues to make his mark during his senior year with some historic performances! His hard work and dedication have been impressive to watch.

Great job, Riley! We are proud of you and will be cheering you on as you head to Tiffin! **Best of luck at Sectionals!**



Congratulations to Our Back-to-Back PCL Volleyball Champions, Lady Green!

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Lady Green volleyball team on becoming **Back-to-Back PCL Volleyball Champions!** These talented young ladies continue to shine year after year, and we are so proud of their hard work, dedication, and success!

Congratulations, Lady Green!



Congratulations, Big Green & Lady Green Soccer!

Both the Big Green and Lady Green soccer teams are heading to the **District Finals!**

We congratulate both teams on their outstanding seasons and wish them the best of luck as they continue their postseason journeys! Your hard work, determination, and teamwork have brought you this far, and we are cheering you on every step of the way!

Go Big Green! Go Lady Green!





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.

Ottoville Rosary Altar Society

CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available, served by the ladies from the Rosary Altar Society

50 / 50 Raffle
(winner need not be present to win)

Ottoville Boy Scout SPAGHETTI Election Night Supper

Carry Out Only!



Let the Boy Scouts take care of dinner on Election Night!

Tuesday, November 3rd
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Parish Center
Scout Room

Meals $11 each

Each $11 meal includes:
spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, and applesauce.

Please support your local Boy Scouts!
Your purchase helps their program thrive.

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

KRAUT FEST

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

Sunday, November 15th

$12

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

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!

VOCATION CORNER

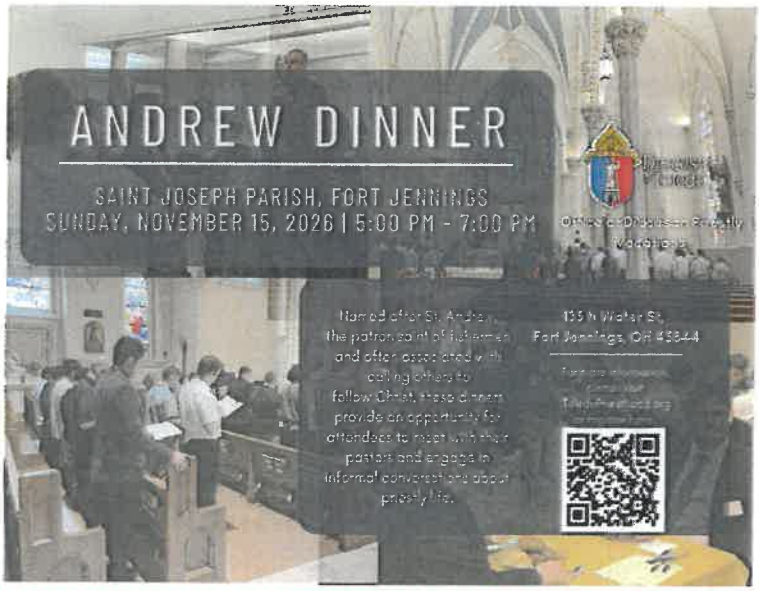
National Vocation Awareness Week is this week, November 1 – 7

God calls each of us to a unique vocation, whether to the priesthood, consecrated religious life, or sacramental marriage. Yet, compared to 50 years ago, our country has **30,000 fewer priests, 130,000 fewer religious sisters, and 27% fewer sacramental marriages.**

During National Vocation Awareness Week, let us come together in prayer for the future of our Church. We invite everyone to pray **one Hail Mary each day** for young people, that they may be open to hearing God's voice, discerning His call, and courageously responding to His plan for their lives.

May we encourage and support those discerning their vocation and pray that God will continue to bless our Church with holy and faithful servants.





Landeck St. John the Baptist is Having their annual Homemade Sauerkraut and Sausage Dinner on **Sunday November 8th.**



We will be serving our homemade sauerkraut and sausage with pancakes, mashed potatoes, applesauce and pie. Tickets are **$13.00.** We will be serving from **3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.** You can Dine In or Carry Out.

The Serra Club of the Lima Area will have their next meeting **November 12th** at **Lima Central Catholic High School.** Mass is at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner and our program. The program for the evening will be a presentation by **Rev. Jason Dsouza**, Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church Delphos, St. John the Baptist Church Landeck, and St. Patrick Parish Spencerville. Fr. Jason will share his vocation story. If you would like to attend the meeting, please **call Kevin at 567-204-3126** by November 9, 2026. Thank you!

Springs in the Desert

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, November 5th** at **7:30 pm** in the **St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.**

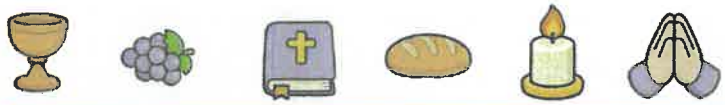
All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time!

For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752.

It is our honor to walk with you!





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

October 31st
Sara Beining

November 7th
Deb Burgei

November 14th
Peggy Pohlman

November 21st
Adam & Beth Schnipke

November 28th
Sara (Kevin) Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of October 10-11, 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

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

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 28, 2026
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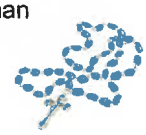
MINISTERS OF MASS

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

SERVERS		
Nov 07 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Isabella Eickholt, Olivia Eickholt, Briella Gudakunst
Nov 08 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Bernadine Hoersten, Colin Knippen, Erica Knippen
LECTORS		
Nov 07 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Matt Eickholt
Nov 08 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Beth Schnipke
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Nov 07 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	**Host Front/Center:** Theodore Herman **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Judy (Frank) Eickholt **Cup – Mary's Side:** Shannon Schlagbaum **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Christine Herman
Nov 08 10:30 am	(Sunday)	**Host Front/Center:** Julie Nussbaum **Host Handicapped/Choir:** Gretta Schnipke **Cup – Mary's Side:** Nancy Vetter **Cup – Joseph's Side:** Julie Schimmoeller
USHERS		
Nov 07 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Randy Altenburger, Ralph Burgei, Joel Edelbrock, Randy Warnecke
Nov 08 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Larry Beining, Riley Geise, Dennis Nussbaum, Jerry Turnwald
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTYORY GIFTS		
Nov 07 4:00 pm	(Saturday)	Family of Terry & Margie Byrne
Nov 08 10:30 am	(Sunday)	Family of Urban (Bud) & Dorothy Honigford
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY		
Nov	**02** (Mon)	Dottie Oberg
Nov	**03** (Tues)	Abby Pohlman
Nov	**04** (Wed)	Catherine Pohlman
Nov	**05** (Thurs)	Dawn Pohlman
Nov	**06** (Fri)	Tara Peck
Nov	**07** (Sat)	Louise Pohlman
Nov	**08** (Sun)	Adria Petrick
ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING		
Weeks of Nov. 1st & 8th: Ceil Eickholt		
MONEY COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER		
Cindy Knippen, Allan Honigford, Vivian Langhals		



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