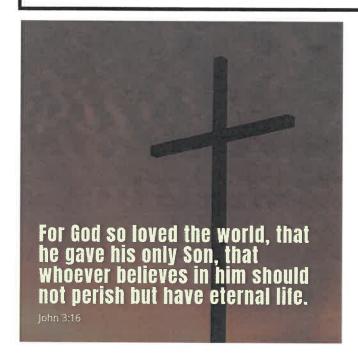
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MASS SCHEDULE

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Mass Intentions

9/13 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. Walter Hoehn & Family 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

9/14 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m.

Mass at St. Barbara's

10:30 a.m. David Hohlbein

9/15 (Monday)

No Mass

9/16 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m.

Mass at St. Barbara's

9/17 (Wednesday)

8:00 a.m.

Margie Byrne

9/18 (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. Helen & Ed Luersman Mass at St. Barbara's

6:00 p.m.

9/19 (Friday) 8:00 a.m. Don Schlagbaum

9/20 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. Margie Koester

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Barbara's

9/21 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Mass at St. Barbara's

Clarence & Rita Hoersten

Next Weekend's Readings - September 20 & 21, 2025

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13





Flowers and Candles:

In Honor of Jonathan & Julia Knippen's Wedding

WEDDING BANNS I:

Ethan Zirkle

Riley Wannemacher





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*If you are a Baptized Catholic who for some reason was never Confirmed, this process is for you too!

Wherever you are in your journey, we welcome you to explore Catholicism.

If you're interested in learning more about our OCIA program, please contact the parish office, 419-453-3513.

Diocese of Toledo

Perpetuate the Gift

As a parish family, we are blessed by the dedication of our priests who have faithfully celebrated Mass, baptized our children. witnessed our marriages, buried our loved ones, and guided us closer to Christ. The Perpetuate the Gift Appeal is our opportunity to give thanks and to support these priests in their retirement years.

Your gift helps ensure that the priests who have given their lives in service to the Church are cared for in their later years. Special envelopes will be available at the church exits and may be dropped in the collection basket. Contributions may also be mailed to:

> **Perpetuate The Gift** PO Box 954 Toledo, OH 43697

> > or made online at

https://toledodiocese.org/perpetuate-the-gift

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Parishioners of St. Barbara and Immaculate Conception:

A change will take place this Fall in regard to Saturday Masses. The 5:30 St. Barbara Mass will be discontinued in November. The Vigil 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception will be unchanged. The I.C. community welcomes St. Barbara parishioners. This is not to "take" anyone away from St. Barbara, rather it is to accommodate and welcome all members of a twinned parish arrangement. Moving forward, I and the Diocese of Toledo are confident that our three (total) weekend Masses are very sufficient to accommodate the faithful (of both parishes). November 1, 2025, will be the last Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Barbara. Again, there are no changes to the Immaculate Conception weekend Mass scheduling.

Several diocesan parishes in recent years have reduced Masses (liturgical consolidation) to better manage available personnel (including active and retired priests) and parish resources, to strengthen unity. This is especially the case when a given Mass experiences low numbers and (a parish) very few new Sacraments.

We can adapt to this change too and make things work. Currently, and for the foreseeable future, St. Barbara is the smallest parish in the deanery (and one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese). Yet, for years we've had twice as many Masses as such places as St. John the Baptist in Continental, a parish that has experienced significant growth during the past ten years. The Status Animarum (State of Souls), an annual report to the Diocese about parish life (including the Sacraments), has continued to record minimal growth and low numbers at St. Barbara Parish. Ultimately, this reflects a local Catholic demographic decline in Cloverdale. Our extremely secure financial situation (courtesy of generous parishioners and benefactors) and savings at St. Barbara's does not make up for a lack of active parishioners for which the number of weekend Masses is based. Moving forward, the single weekend Mass at St. Barbara and the two weekend Masses at Immaculate Conception will be our effort to be who we are now and for the future. Many St. Barbara families have a deep and daily connection to the Ottoville community, especially with Ottoville Schools and businesses and our I.C. Religious Education program. Hopefully St. Barbara families know that they are always welcome at Immaculate Conception (St. Barbara began as a Mission Church of I.C.) and that they are certainly already and always part of this community. St. Barbara Parish has certainly honored the past (and will continue to do so), but we must also adapt to the present and prepare for the future.

The timing of this change reflects back to the steep decline in Saturday evening Mass attendance at St. Barbara last year. Mass attendance during Fall and Winter, often did not surpass 50 people for a church that can accommodate nearly 300. (We are grateful for the many non-St. Barbara parishioners who have joined us and will continue to join us. Without our visitors, our numbers would be smaller.) There were times, last year, when the road conditions to St. Barbara were just plain dangerous and posed an unnecessary risk to our parishioners and visitors and priests. Safety will always be a priority. We know (and the Diocese knows) that we do not lack available Vigil Masses in this part of St. George Deanery. This being said, we hope that many St. Barbara families choose to participate at the 4pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass as a preferred Saturday option. Please consider this Mass as your Mass too!

In these final weeks of the St. Barbara Vigil Mass, we hope to finish strong. We are grateful for all of those dedicated to it (especially our music leaders!) The voices of concerned St. Barbara parishioners and supporters were heard when they submitted their signature/letter campaign of this past Spring to keep the Saturday Mass. This was a heartfelt effort. The change was given more time before being implemented. Bishop Thomas sends his prayers and pastoral care to everyone at St. Barbara, a church he blessed and consecrated. He and I realize that this is not easy but we all know that people of faith can persevere and adapt to change. Again, our final Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Barbara will take place on November 1st at 5:30. We are grateful for having this Mass for so many years and we can be hopeful and confident for the future. We look forward to new relationships and renewed focus and purpose. Thank you for your patience and understanding. —Fr. George Mahas—

The Canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati



On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonized two young models of holiness—St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati—in St. Peter's Square before tens of thousands of pilgrims.

Carlo Acutis, who died at age 15 in 2006, became the Church's first millennial saint. Known as "God's Influencer," he used his computer skills to spread devotion to the Eucharist. His family played a special role in the Mass: his parents and siblings presented



the offertory gifts, and his younger brother, Francesco, proclaimed one of the readings in English.

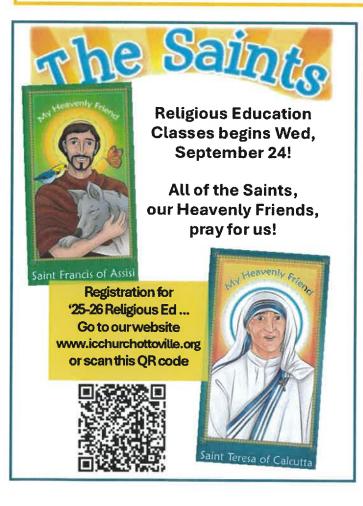
Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 at age 24, was remembered for his joy, prayer, and dedication to the poor, earning him the title "Man of the Beatitudes."



The twin canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati mark a powerful testament to youthful holiness—in

a church increasingly attentive to the voices and realities of younger generations.

Together, they stand as models for a modern world seeking faith, purpose, and authentic service. In his homily, Pope Leo urged the faithful—especially young people—to follow the example of these new saints and make their lives "masterpieces of love and faith."



Mass Intention - 2025

There is still an available date for Mass Intentions for October:

Saturday, October 11th

If you have not yet scheduled your one weekend Mass or two weekday Masses, please contact the Parish Office, 419-453-3513 to reserve the date.



Early Bird Drawing!!



The first Early Bird drawing for the Big Ticket will be Sunday, September 21st after the 10:30 a.m. mass!
To be eligible, please be

sure to turn in your tickets no later than **Friday, September 19th, before noon.** Don't miss your chance to get in on the fun!

In addition to donating to Immaculate Conception Parish through traditional weekly offerings, please consider some other popular methods of giving.

These include making a bequest to the parish in your Will or Trust, so that upon your passing the parish will benefit. Consult your Estate Planner for details.

Also, if you have a Required Minimum Distribution, (RMD), you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, (QCD) to Immaculate Conception Parish. You can roll over 401(k) dollars to an IRA, transferring the money directly from the IRA to the parish for it to count as the tax-free transfer. You don't need to itemize your deductions to get a tax benefit from the gift. Making the tax-free transfer also keeps the money out of your adjusted gross income. This can prove beneficial to you and our parish. Always consult your accountant and financial advisor first.

Another great option is to join our growing **ONLINE Giving**. You can access this and set up your account by visiting the Immaculate Conception Website, following this link, https://www.osvhub.com/icchurchottoville/

giving/funds or QR Code







She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through

authentic conversations, vibrant speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey.

Join us for food, fellowship, and faith beginning weekly on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings at the Ottoville Parish Center. Our Fall session starts Wednesday 9/24 @ 6:30 pm in the Chamber room or Saturday 9/27 @ 8 am in the K of C Room. Sessions are not progressive, come when you can. Babysitting available upon request, contact Beth at 419-230-5740. All women are welcome! Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com.



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.

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church is having a breakfast on Sunday, September 28th from 9:00 am to noon in the Landeck Church Basement.



Meal will consists of sausage, pancakes, eggs, burritos, toast, coffee and juice.
Free Will Offering.

Come & See



A FAMILY DAY

KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY & THE FAMILY TOGETHER

Sunday, September 28th 2:00 till Dusk

620 E. Blake St., Ottawa OH

Parking assist Provided

Questions: contact@christthekingcenter.org



2:00pm Activities for Young & Old Fishing Derby - Bible Bingo - Face Painting Chalk Drawing - Outdoor Games

Take a walk.... Prizes * Drewings



4:00pm OUTDOOR MASS UNDER THE TENT

5:00pm Dinner * Sample some Do Good Restaurant Food. * Grab a Brat, Hot dog, Salads, Desserts, Ice Cream. Drinks: Bring a cooler., Lemonade & Water provided Some Seating available or bring your lawn chairs.

6:15pm Family Rosary around the Rosary Path. 7:00pm Watch the Sunset & sit around a campfire.



Experience a Slice of the Holy Land & a Day with Christ!



Come & See



ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 27 | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Do you have overwhelming anxiety? It doesn't have to be this way! Join Alyssa Siebeneck MA, LPC for a workshop on tangible ways to calm anxiety.

You will . . .

- •Gain evidenced-based techniques from a licensed professional counselor.
- ·Learn practical ways to engage your brain and nervous system to calm and retrain anxiety responses.
- •Explore potential everyday sources of anxiety.

Participation will be limited to 30 people. before **September 20** by using the QR code. The cost is \$89 per person. This event will be held in the St. Joseph Room.

Email thewellmentality@gmail.com with any questions.

SOUP & PIE DAY



Ottawa Senior Center September 18, 2025 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM Location: 1035 East Third St. Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Menu includes choice of:

Beef Vegetable Soup or Bean with Ham Soup - cooked over an open fire in cast iron kettles Fruity Chicken Salad Trav Pulled BBQ pork Tray **Assorted Homemade Pies** Drinks



Eat inside or outside Bob Clark will provide music outside in the gazebo

Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593

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SEPTEMBER 19th & 20th

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FRIDAY

Events: 6:00 p.m.- Midnight

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SATURDAY

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- Mexican Food
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- Silent Auction
- Adult Beverages World Famous
- · Soft Drinks

- Country Store
- French Fries
- Kiddie Tractor Pull Inflatables

- Big Ticket Raffle Drawing
- Sweet Treat Shop
- Basket Raffle

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

September 13th Art & Bernice Schnipke

> September 20th Sara Beining

September 27th Sara (Kevin) Beining



OUR GIFTS TO GOD!

For the week of August 30-31, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,894.00 Loose Cash—\$ 943.50 Parish Center—\$ 195.00 Energy—\$ 45.00 Religious Education—\$ 20.00 Church Repair—\$ 160.00

For the week of September 6-7, 2025

Sacrificial Offering—\$ 2,821.00
Loose Cash—\$ 842.00
Parish Center—\$ 435.00
Religious Education—\$ 145.00
Catholic University of America—\$ 417.00
Church Repair—\$ 400.00
August EFT—\$ 7,930.00
August Online Giving—\$ 886.25

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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, September 10, 2025: #724—Bea Dundas

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Upcoming Ministry Schedule— Availability Request

Schedule, which will cover November 1st through March 1st.
To help us prepare accurately, please update your availability with the parish office no later than September 29th

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

MINISTERS OF MASS If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please do	
your best to find a replacement.	
SERVERS	
September 20 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Carli Schnipke, Jade Schnipke, Ty Schnipke
September 21 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Claire Burnett, Audrey Kaverman, Landen Saxton
LECTORS	
September 20 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Jill Wenzlick
September 21 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Cheryl Beining
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	
September 20 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Host Front/Center: Makayla Unterbrink Host Handicapped/Choir: Christine Herman Cup-Mary's Side: Olesya Herman Cup-Joseph's Side: Theodore Herman
September 21 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Host Front/Center: Julie Schimmoeller Host Handicapped/Choir: Sheila Miller Cup-Mary's Side: Tammy Saxton Cup-Joseph's Side: Linda Knippen
USHERS	
September 20 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Ralph Burgei, Joel Edelbrock, Matt Eickholt, Jim Wannemacher
September 21 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Art Langhals, Jerry Turnwald, Nancy Vetter, John Vetter
FAMILY TO BRING UP OFFERTORY GIFTS	
September 20 (Saturday) 4:00 pm	Volunteers Needed
September 21 (Sunday) 10:30 am	Volunteers Needed
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY	
Sept 15 (Mon) Sept 16 (Tues) Sept 17 (Wed) Sept 18 (Thurs)	Jeanne Wannemacher Pam Wallick Donna Wannemacher Ruth (Jim) Wannemacher
Sept 10 (Final S) Sept 19 (Fri) Sept 20 (Sat)	Jan Warnecke Amy Wehri
Sept 21 (Sun)	Marilyn Wenzlick
ALTAR / SANCTUARY CLEANING	
Kay Langhals: Week of Sept 14th Tammy Saxton: Weeks of Sept 21st & 28th	
MONEY COUNTERS	

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