

# A BIG THANK YOU to those who donated to Vegetable Soup Day!

Thanks to your generosity, the St. Joe Youth Group was able to make and deliver 30 gallons of homemade beef vegetable soup to 3 Lima soup kitchens! The Youth Group had a great time coming together for a larger purpose and answering the call of our Lord Jesus, to feed the hungry.





## Intentions

Sat	23	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf & Family
Sun	24	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jim Geckle
Mon	25		
Tues	26	7:00 pm	Ed Michel
Wed	27	7:00 pm	Father Norbert Hower
Thurs	28	7:00 pm	For All Former Pastors of St. Joseph, Fort Jennings
Fri	29	7:55 am	For the Religious Ed Students
Sat	30	5:00 pm	Louis & Loise Brockman
Sun	01	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jerry & Carol Meyer

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	09/25	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tues	09/26	Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs Ezr 6:7-8a, 12b, 14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Wed	09/27	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Thu	09/28	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri	09/29	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Sat	09/30	Saint Jerome, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45

**There are many myths and misunderstandings in our society about the Catholic Church.** Many people of good will, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, believe outrageous things about the Catholic Church. Rest assured, the Catholic Church is about being disciples of Jesus Christ, and in faithfully living the truth of His teachings.

If you have ever thought about becoming Catholic but were unsure of some of the things you've heard the Catholic Church teaches, perhaps it's time to learn what Catholicism is all about from the inside.

**RCIA will begin in September. If interested, please call Karan Maenle at 419-286-2877.**

### WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Austin Askins & Adelyn Moening  
 Wednesday, Sept. 27 – Iris Tenwalde & Carder Osting  
 Thursday, Sept. 28 – Lacey Meyer & Jacob Anspach  
 Friday, Sept. 29 – Levi Schroeder & Evelyn Neidert

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Sept. 30 & Nov. 1:

#### SERVERS:

5:00 pm Leah & Abbie Kahle, Ryan Aldrich  
 7:30 am Evan Ellerbrock, Tessa & Waylon Meyer  
 9:30 am Nolan, Sam & Owen Dube

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,  
 Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart,  
 Karen Young  
 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Tony & Kelly Recker,  
 Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht,  
 Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst

#### LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Penny Gerdeman

#### USHERS:

5:00 pm Todd & Jodi Von Sossan  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

#### Please, Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Chloe Wiegung, Annette Landwehr,  
 Boston & Layla Korte



### September 17, 2023

Envelopes	\$	2,252.00
Loose	\$	802.00
Maintenance	\$	130.00
Children's Offering	\$	53.61

YTD as of September 17, 2023 = **\$ 43,581.39**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ - 4,418.61**

**Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer** to have your contributions deducted directly from your bank account. Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

**THANK YOU** for your continued support.

**BAPTISMS:** To arrange a baptism please Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email [larry@fjsb.com](mailto:larry@fjsb.com).

**BAPTISM CLASSES**

Contact the Parish Office

**Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.**

Find Marriage Prep Classes at <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

**Bulletin submissions deadline:**  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**JOIN FR. CHARLES  
on a 2024 Spiritual Pilgrimage**

In the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece & Greek Isle 3 days Cruise. Thessaloniki, Philippi, Delphi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, & more!

\$4,899 per person, from Fort Wayne Airport July 19-29, 2024 (11 days). Organizing Company: 206 Tours.

For Additional Details & to Book Now Visit:

[www.206tours.com/frobinwa](http://www.206tours.com/frobinwa)

Telephone 1-800-206-8687

Email: [Sales@206tours.com](mailto:Sales@206tours.com)

**Calling All Young Adults in the Area!**

Social Gathering for you on Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 6:30 - 8:30pm on the Holy Family Catholic Church grounds, 7359 St. Rt. 109, 5 miles north of Ottawa. Bonfire, Smores, Chili, Friends (old & new), Gaga Ball, Corn Hole. Bring your own beverages and a chair. All young adults are welcome!

**Putnam Catholic Young Adults** - now has a page on Facebook, please join if you are a young adult for all the happenings around the area for you! Gatherings are beginning to happen on 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings for this age group, post-high school, 20's & 30's. There will be lots of different things just for you!

**Putnam County Right to Life has vote NO yard signs about Issue 1**, the abortion amendment. If you would like one, contact Putnam County Right to Life at 419-532-3662.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - September 24,2023 - A VOCATION MUST BE NURTURED.** You can help nurture the vocations of priests by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served. Please honor our Priests on this special day

**Ottawa Saints Peter & Paul 2023 Women's WELCOME Weekend Retreat.** Walk by Faith. Join us for a weekend of faith, friendship and uniting as sisters in Christ. November 18 & 19. To sign up contact Brittany Croy at [Kochbrittany@gmail.com](mailto:Kochbrittany@gmail.com)

St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes will be hosting a **Parish Mission with Catholic speaker Matthew Leonard** the evenings of **Sunday, October 15 & Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm.** Both talks will be at Holy Family Church. The **Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Display** will be available for viewing before and after the talks in the Holy Family Parish Hall (church basement). For more information about Matthew, you can visit his website: [matthewsleonard.com](http://matthewsleonard.com).

**Join us for the 2023 Ohio March for Life at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on Friday, October 6!**

The pre-rally worship concert begins at 10:00 am, the rally begins at 11:00 am, and the official march begins at noon. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Ohio is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your Ohio elected representatives. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** at Maria Stein Renewal Center November 3 -5. The weekend is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling back. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more info contact Any & Melanie at 859-653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org) or visit [sharing.org](http://sharing.org).

### 2023 Festival Income

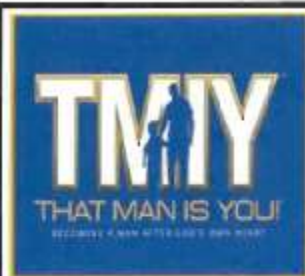
	Income	Expense	Net
Big Ticket	\$ 12,236.00	\$ 3,065.05	\$ 9,170.95
Country Store	\$ 22,837.00	\$ 116.00	
<b>\$22,721.00</b>			
Dinners	\$ 17,849.00	\$ 9,620.31	\$ 8,228.69
Gas & Grocery	\$ 4,585.00	\$ 1,278.30	\$ 3,306.70
Tractor Pull	\$ 688.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 98.00
Lunch Stand	\$ 5,633.00	\$ 3,595.81	\$ 2,037.19
Bingo	\$ 1,101.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,051.00
Drink Tent	\$ 4,620.25	\$ 2,393.06	\$ 2,227.19
Money Wheel	\$ 396.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 396.00
Kid's Games	\$ 3,861.00	\$ 1,340.91	\$ 2,520.09
Ice Cream	\$ 983.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 983.00
Famers Market	\$ 1,272.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,272.05
Miscellaneous		\$ 6,001.29	\$ 6,001.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 76,061.30</b>	<b>\$ 28,050.73</b>	<b><u>\$ 48,010.57</u></b>

Past Parish Festivals  
Net Income

2022	\$ 36,554.76
2021	\$ 44,102.05
2020	\$ 42,020.08
2019	\$ 37,428.84
2018	\$ 33,953.19

We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to each and every person that donated, worked at, and prayed for our Festival. It was another great success due to the generosity and hard work of our parishioners and surrounding businesses.

We are still looking for interested individuals/couples to take over as Festival chairpersons. This would be a great job for retired persons! To find out more information about what the job entails, contact Rob & Tina Warnecke or Chad & Andrea Recker.



**Men, Mark your calendars!**

**Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.**

**Ottoville Parish Center, K of C Room**

**That Man is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society.**

Scan this QR code to see a promotional video, and see this week's bulletin insert for further details.



This QR code is for men that would like to register for TMly. By registering, you are not committing to anything, you are simply saying that you are interested.

