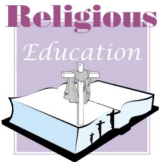




Wednesday, March 1st  
 Mass Times: 8:10 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**TODAY'S (SUNDAY) EVENTS**

- 12:30 p.m. Charismatic Mass & Healing Service at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, 7 miles south of Route 20 in Bellevue)
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Ottoville VFW Post #3740 Auxiliary BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinner.** Carry-out only. Pick up at Vaughn's Place on Progressive Drive.
- 4-7 p.m. **St. Barbara Catholic Church** in Cloverdale All-you-can-eat *Fish & Chicken Fry* . Carry-outs are available.
- 5-7:30 p.m. **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Landeck** Homemade Soup and Sandwich meal after mass at 4:00 p.m.



The last class for Junior High students was held on Wednesday, February 22nd. Remember to continue your Lenten Journey! See you in the Fall!!

This week, children in Kindergarten through the 6th grade will bring home a cardboard container for **Operation Rice Bowl**. This program started in 1975 to help the drought stricken areas of African Sahel (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, and Somalia). The week after Easter, please have your child return the rice bowl to school with family's offering to be used for development project in poor nations and hunger relief in the Toledo Diocese.



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Spring is right around the corner. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like spring as it is a weekend full of refreshed love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! Enrich your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and to God. You don't need it—you **DESERVE** a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! For more information or to apply for a weekend, contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at (419) 538-7210, send an email to [bcschroeder@bright.net](mailto:bcschroeder@bright.net) or visit the website [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) for more information. The next weekend in the Toledo Diocese is March 31-April 2 in Lima.

All persons, families, and extended families of stillborn or miscarried babies are invited to a special concelebrated mass on Wednesday, March 15th at St. Joseph Parish (36 Melmore Street in Tiffin) at 5:15 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Rosary for Life. Tiffin Right to Life invites all who have experienced this trauma, even if the loss happened decades ago. Call Cheryl at (419) 447-1844 for more information.

The **Son's of the Legion Squadron 715** will be having a *Fish Fry* on Ash Wednesday (3/1/2017) and every Friday during Lent at the Fort Jennings American Legion from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.00 and includes all you can eat deep fried fish, baked fish by Chef Ron, potatoes, salads, and garlic bread.

On Saturday, March 11th, Catholic Charities is hosting a **Diocesan Jail & Prison Ministry gathering** at St. Michael the Archangel Activity Center (750 Bright Road in Findlay). This event is open to anyone currently involved with or interested in volunteering for this Catholic Charities ministry. Topics to be discussed include: the mission/vision of the Jail & Prison Ministry in the Diocese of Toledo, the Catholic Social Teaching context, Evangelization training, updates from Northwest and West Central Ohio ministry facilities, best practices, and volunteer recruitment of priests, deacons, religious, and laity. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Please RSVP to Nick Lyster, Catholic Charities Justice Ministry Coordinator, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. For more information on this ministry, call Nick Lyster at (419) 214-4958 or send an email to [nlyster@toledodiocese.org](mailto:nlyster@toledodiocese.org).

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical **40 Days for Life campaign** in Northwest Ohio from March 1st through April 9th. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. You are invited to pray for an our in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo). Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 725,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 12,668 lives have been saved, 143 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 83 abortion facilities have shut down! The opening prayer vigil for the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the clinic address listed above. May our prayer bring the light of Christ Jesus to move the hearts and minds of all present to a deeper appreciation of the dignity of human life. For more information, visit the website [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo) or contact the Office for Life and Justice Director, Peter Range, at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org) or call (419) 214-4933.



Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Altar's "**LENT BY CANDLELIGHT**" featuring Pat-Oedy Murray, will be on Sunday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall. Please join us by attending this free event as we gather to grow in our faith and be inspired for our Lenten journey. If you would like to host a table or attend as an individual, contact Jill Vaughan at [vaughan@findlay.edu](mailto:vaughan@findlay.edu) or call (419) 302-2916. Reservations should be made by February 28th. If you host a table, you should invite 7 people to sit with you; decorate your table as elaborate or simple as you choose; bring desserts/appetizers/or snacks to share with your table; provide tableware, silverware, and glassware for your table. Coffee and water will be provided. All other beverages must be purchased at the Hall.

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The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** would like to invite all families to the *5th annual family fun afternoon* at the Grove Skate Land (10970 Ottawa Road, Columbus Grove) on Sunday, March 5th from 2-4 p.m. Cost for admission is \$5.00 per person and includes skate rental and beverages. The concession stand will be closed during this event. Participating families are asked to bring a snack to share during the event.

**Save the Date:** *The next* Camp and Inn gathering is scheduled for August 3-6. Reservations for a campsite or a hotel room can be made by calling Sauder's Heritage Inn & Campground at 1-800-590-9755. Be sure to mention that you are with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The group block expires July 3rd.

Both these events are open to any family. Please include your children in all these events. If you have questions, call Todd or Michelle Pester at (419) 523-5896. God Bless.

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The **20th Annual Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation Dinner**, featuring Jim Tressel – President of Youngstown State University and former Ohio State Football Coach - will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at the Pinnacle in Maumee. This foundation benefits the CYO Athletic program, the Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry programs and the Catholic Club, as well as providing 12 scholarships to metro-Toledo area Catholic high schools annually. Tickets are \$50 each and may be ordered through the diocesan CYO Office by calling (419) 244-6711, ext. 4932. Sponsorship packages are also available.

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The **7th Annual Ottoville Lady Otts Designer Purse Bingo** will be held on Saturday, April 1st at the Delphos Eagles. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per ticket (must be 18 years or older to attend) and includes one bingo card for 20 bingo games and reserved seating. Tickets are available from Lady Otts members or contact Turtle's Tavern at (419) 453-3512, Cindy Knippen at (419) 453-3946, or Janice Maag at (419) 453-3434. Come for a chance to win fabulous designer name brand purses. Delphos Eagles will be providing beverages and food for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Ottoville community projects and scholarships.

The Delphos St. John's **Run Your Ashes Off** 5K Race/Walk will be held on Wednesday, March 1st beginning at the Delphos St. John's Annex (722 South Jefferson Street). Registration begins at 4:45 p.m. followed by a prayer service and distribution of ashes at 5:15 p.m. The race/walk begins at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per student and \$20 for adults. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society. For questions, contact Julie Rode at (419) 230-3485 or Linda Schulte at (419) 549-6933.

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Falls are not a normal part of aging. There are simple steps older adults can take to reduce their risk for a fall. The **Putnam County Council on Aging** (PCCOA) will be offering a FREE fall prevention class called "**A Matter of Balance**" at the Ottoville Parish Center. The program helps participants address the physical, social and cognitive factors affecting the fear of falling and teaches fall prevention strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels in order to improve flexibility, balance and strength. **The MOB classes will run for 8 consecutive Wednesday's starting March 29<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon.** There is no charge to attend the classes, but space is limited to the first 12 registrants. Please call Jodi Warnecke at the PCCOA at 419-523-4121 or 1-800-589-8508 by March 20, 2017 to RSVP or for more information.

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**Change the World—Consider Priesthood.** *Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati* is hosting a welcome weekend for men, college-age or older, who are discerning their call to the Catholic priesthood. The weekend begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17 and ends with dinner on Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. There is no cost to attend. To register, contact Rev. Thomas McQuillen, Dean of Men, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at (513) 233-6171 or send an email to [tmcquillen@athenaeum.edu](mailto:tmcquillen@athenaeum.edu).

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On Wednesday, March 1st, envelopes will be available in pews for your contribution to support the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. The fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 gave the Catholic Church the freedom to worship openly once again, but much of the infrastructure of the church was gone. This created great challenges and still presents many complications for the Church today as she supports the spiritual lives of those who live in this region. Your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) is strengthening the life of the Church and building the future for those who live there. Your support provides a place of prayer, gathering, and learning for the people of this eparchy.

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS