



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 27, 2008**



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**Coordinator of Religious Education:**  
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 Mrs. Anne Landwehr – 419-453-3391  
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 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685  
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 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891  
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**Home Bound Support Group:**  
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480  
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**Parish Council:**  
 Mr. Kevin Horstman -Pres.  
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining                      Mrs. Virginia Beining  
 Mr. Ron Hemker                                Mrs. Barb Hoersten  
 Mr. Jim Hoersten                                Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum  
 Mr. Adam Schnipke                            Mr. Gary Turnwald  
 Miss Alison Rieger                             Mr. Brad Turnwald  
**Finance Committee:** Mike Ruen, Chairman  
**Cemetery Sexton:** Marty Gerdeman – 419-453-3288  
**Cemetery Board President:**  
 Mrs. Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861

*Abortion is a procedure important to the process of in vitro fertilization, since "fetal reduction" is routinely used. Moreover, embryos are often destroyed in order to choose the most viable embryo for implantation into the woman's womb. Further, "left over" embryos are often looked upon as resources for scientific research, rather than as human beings at the beginning of their life who should never be objects of research done not for their benefit but for someone else's. Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat, commented that "one would have to call the IVF procedure a fairly efficient method of abortion, with a 95-96% success rate."*

**BANNS:** The following couples ask your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:  
 (II) Matthew Eickholt & Jacinta Borgelt  
 (I) Beckie Menke & Michael Bear

**"Holy Hour Prayer for Peace and those in the Military"** is scheduled for April 29 in Church after the 7 PM Mass. All are welcome to attend.

**The Precious Blood Prayer Group** is in its third year of spending a holy hour of prayer on the last Monday of the month. Now that this practice is going to be a part of the Parish prayer life on the last Tuesday of the month, we will join our prayers with that of the Parish Holy Hour. We will not meet as a separate group.

**ICY GROUP** is taking reservations for **Box City** on May 2/3. High School students have the opportunity to live as a homeless person for a day and sleep in a box on the lawn of the Parish Center. The experience will begin Friday evening at 7 PM and conclude with Mass together at 4 PM on Saturday. Jr. High Students may want to help for service hours. Adults are also needed. Reserve your room at **Box City** by calling Renee Kelch.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2008 FESTIVAL**

Our 2008 Festival plans are underway. **Festival day is July 20.** Festival booth managers are reminded to have their list of workers in the parish office no later than June 13.

**Are you new to our parish or maybe just returning to the community after college** and interested in helping with our Festival? Call Kirt Martz, 419-453-2124, and he will pass your name on to a booth manager as a willing worker. Thanks!

We ask that all **Festival kitchen workers** do the same job as last year. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please find a replacement and call Dee Dee Schlagbaum, 419-453-3389 or Cathy Hoehn, 419-453-3515

**The Rosary Altar Society** will meet on May 5 after the 7 PM Mass. We will have installation of officers and then play "Switch-A-Roo" Bingo. Please bring an item to switch. Chairlady is Jan Zerkel. Her committee is Dorothy Miller, Deb Altenburger, Lynn (Dan) Horstman. All ladies 18 years and older are already members of the Rosary Altar Society and invited to attend the meetings.



**PARISH SCHEDULE:**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 4 PM  
 Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

**Daily Masses:**

Monday: NO MASS  
 Tuesday: 7 PM  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:10 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:15 PM

**Baptism Instruction:**

Second Saturday at 10 AM in the basement at Fort Jennings rectory. Upcoming dates: June 14 & August 9, 2008. Instructions are for parents who celebrate the birth of their first child or for those who have not had a child baptized within the last 5 years. It is highly recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of the child. Please call the office to register.

**Baptisms:**

Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Deacon Jose' or Father John. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the office.

**New parishioners** are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call the office.

**Please note:** Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at 9 AM in writing, email, or fax.

**Parish Website:**

[www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com)

*Sixth Sunday of Easter***LITURGIES**

S(27th) 8:00 a.m. Elmer Schneider  
 10:30 a.m. Douglas A. Vorst  
 1:30 p.m. First Communion  
 T(29th) 7:00 p.m. Bernard, Barbara, & Gerald Kramer  
 W(30th) 8:10 a.m. Adolph & Regina Miller,  
 Jerry & Ray Miller  
 Th(1st) 8:10 a.m. Richard J. Bendele  
 F(2nd) 8:10 a.m. Euletta Rieger  
 S(3rd) 4:00 p.m. Joe & Marlene Kaverman  
 S(4th) 8:00 a.m. Camryn Mansfield  
 10:30 a.m. 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
 Adolph & Mildred Beining

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:****SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**

Melissa Burgei, Haylee Koester, Luke Schimmoeller

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Cory Fischer, Lauren Koch,  
Krista Schimmoeller**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Melany Honigford, Deidre Knippen,  
Julie Schmersal**10:30 AM:** Adam Eickholt, Alex Odenweller,  
Russell Warnecke**LECTORS:** Mary Lou Miller, Anne Landwehr,  
Cheryl Beining**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:****4:00 PM: Host:** Judy Eickholt, Christine Herman,  
Ted Herman, Jill Wenzlick**Cup:** Carol Giesken, Jan Warnecke**Choir:** Beth Eickholt (Total 7)**8:00 AM: Host:** Deb Lindeman, Patricia Ricker,  
Bernice Schnipke**Cup:** Nancy Beining, Marcia Eickholt**Choir:** Carol Hoersten (Total 6)**10:30 AM: Host:** Ginny Beining, Ann Beining,  
Rose Brickner, Julie Nussbaum**Cup:** Bonnie Beining, Sharon Brickner**Choir:** Lenora Ball (Total 7)**USHERS:****4:00 PM:** Anthony Davis, Tim Eickholt,  
Steve Koester, Kevin Lindeman**8:00 AM:** Larry Beining, Kyle Niemeyer,  
Roger Ruen, Bob Weber**10:30 AM:** Steve Beining, Duane Boecker,  
Walt Brickner, Adam Schnipke**GIFTS:****4:00 PM:** Schlagbaum family**8:00 AM:** Stan & Dawn Mansfield family**10:30 AM:** First Communicants**ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE MASS!!**

A new schedule for the Ministers of the Mass will be compiled soon. Please contact the parish office, 419-453-3513 or [immac@bright.net](mailto:immac@bright.net), by April 30 to make changes in your preferences.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**Dorothy Gasser, Catherine Gudakunst,  
Marty Gerdeman, Pam Heitmeyer, Janet Hemker,  
Julie Hemker, Anne Hemker**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Stella Buettner, Manager

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**

May – Irene Miller

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget:** \$5,000.00  
 Regular Sunday Collection: 4,223.00  
**Below Budget:** \$ -777.00  
 Parish Center: \$59 Church Repair: \$25

**THANK YOU!!!****CHOIR SCHEDULE:** May 3: 4:00 PM – Men's Choir  
May 4: 10:30 PM – Adult Choir

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** You have already received a letter explaining this worthy diocesan campaign. The theme, "*Sharing God's Gifts*", reminds us of our need to assist the diocese with its many ministries and services. Please consider at what level you may help and give as generously as you are able.

A meeting of the **Newman Catholic Association** at the Rhodes State/Ohio State of Lima campus is 12:15-1:30 PM on April 28 in the science building, room 270. At this lunch meeting they are discussing "relationships". Each student will receive Matthew Kelly's book "The Rhythm of Life". For more information contact Sandy Connell, 419-222-5521, or [sconnell@wcoil.com](mailto:sconnell@wcoil.com)

**Theology on Tap** – Young Adults ages 18-39 are welcome at the Red Pig Inn, Ottawa, on May 8 at 6:30 PM. Speaker is Fr. Tim Knepper speaking on "How to spiritly be on fire without burning out!" This will be the last speaker until fall.

**Infant Adoption Awareness 2008 Training** is May 8 from 12 noon – 4:30 PM at Blanchard Valley Hospital, 139 Garau St., Bluffton. This training provides information concerning adoption laws & practices in Ohio. Contact Darcy Rieman, 419-423-5194, for more information.

**The Bereavement Action Committee of the Diocese of Toledo** is holding a Funeral Rites Workshop for Priest, Deacons, Musicians, bereavement volunteers and interested parishioners on:

August 16 – Toledo Catholic Center – 10-Noon or,  
 August 19 – St. Mary, Defiance – 6:30-8:30 PM or,  
 August 21 – Sts. Peter & Paul, Sandusky – 6:30-8:30 PM  
 The presenter is Rev. Charles Singler, D.Min, Director of Office of Worship & Liturgical Music for the Diocese. Register early as space is limited. Contact Germaine Kirk, 419-244-6711 ext. 431 or [gkirk@toledodiocese.org](mailto:gkirk@toledodiocese.org) by August 8.

**COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Ottoville Community Garage Sale** is May 3 from 9AM-5 PM. Fund raising events (location listed on map):

**Lady Otts** – Lunch stand, clothes, and misc. items. Contact Becky Eickholt, 419-453-3099, with questions.

**Relay for Life** – Lunch stand, clothes, housewares and plants. Contact Jen Walston, 419-453-2425 with questions.

**Garage Sale packet** pick-up April 28-May 2 at Jean Steele's inside garage at 24651 Road R-23.

**Chicken BBQ** sponsored by the Ottoville Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H Club is May 4 in the Ottoville Park from 11 AM – 1 PM. Serving chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter for only \$7. Tickets from any Blue Ribbon Winner or at the Dew Drop Inn. Carry-outs only.

**The Alzheimer's Support Group** will meet at Sarah Jane Living Center May 5 at 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome!

**Fort Jennings Community Garage Sale:** May 9 from 5-9 PM and May 10 from 9 AM-3 PM. Maps available at FJ Bank, Meyer's IGA, and participating garage sales.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Because family relationships are imprinted in our hearts, today's gospel reminds us our loved ones "always remain with you." Even death and distance cannot erase this presence. We only need to pause and remember and our loved one is present to us again. It is a different presence, but a REAL presence.