



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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Third Sunday of Easter
April 6, 2008

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Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

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Mrs. Anne Landwehr – 419-453-3391

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Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

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Mrs. Irene Miller – 419-453-3275

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Mr. Dave Koester – 419-453-3513

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Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

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Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center

Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM

Phone: 419-453-3513 Email: immac@bright.net

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

Mr. Ron Hemker

Mr. Jim Hoersten

Mr. Adam Schnipke

Miss Alison Rieger

Mrs. Virginia Beining

Mrs. Barb Hoersten

Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum

Mr. Gary Turnwald

Mr. Brad Turnwald

Finance Committee: Mike Ruen, Chairman

Cemetery Sexton: Marty Gerdeman – 419-453-3288

Cemetery Board President:

Mrs. Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861

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: April 12 and June 14, 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

"With artificial insemination outside the body, the barrier protecting human dignity has been broken. When human beings in the weakest and most defenseless stage of their existence are selected, abandoned, killed or used as pure "biological matter," how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as "someone" but as "something", thus placing the very concept of human dignity in doubt."

- Pope Benedict XVI, address to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, January 31, 2008

BANNS: The following couples ask your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:

(II) Shenna Oney & William Reimund

(I) Diana Wenzlick & Leonard Kaufman

BAPTISM: Zachary John Hohlbein, son of Bob & Kim (Hoersten) Hohlbein

DEATH: Sincere sympathies to the family of Richard J. (Dick) Bendele. Dick died on March 27 at the age of 79 years. May he enjoy his eternal reward with our God in heaven. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Rosary Altar Society meeting is April 7 after 7 PM Mass. The program is presented by Jean Miller from Van Wert Angel Foundation-Make a Wish for Adults. Chairlady is Marilyn Kaufman. Committee is Marilyn Hoffman and Joan Wessell. Come join us! All ladies of the parish 18 and older are already members of the Rosary Altar Society.

ICY Group members of Ottoville High School are planning a **YOUTH MASS** for next Sunday, April 13 at 4 PM in Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church. All are invited to join us in faith & enthusiasm!

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING of our church will be April 16 after morning Mass. Any parishioner is asked to help. Please bring buckets and rags. Lunch will be served.

THE PRAYER LINE volunteer list is being updated. If you wish to be removed or added to the calling list notify Anne Landwehr, 419-453-3391.

Married Couples Retreat is at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Carey the weekend of May 16-18. The theme of this weekend retreat is: Recipe for Marriage: Three Necessary Ingredients. Presenters are Deacon Jim & Ann Cavera. The Cavera's share a 40 year marriage. They are the parents of 4 grown children and the authors of "Grounded in God" from Liguori Publications. They minister together at Immaculate Conception in Bellevue. Cost is \$175 to cover room, linens, meals, and retreat materials. To register contact Brother Randy Kin OFM Conv by email: retreats@olcshrine.com or phone, 419-396-7970 or Tim Etue at Catholic Charities, 800-926-8277 ext. 404 or tetue@toledodiocese.org

YOUNG ADULTS 18-39 – Theology on Tap will be at the Red Pig Inn in Ottawa on April 10. The speaker at 6:30 PM will be Robert Moyers. His topic is "Mr. Happy" No more stress just happiness guaranteed. For more information contact Lori Recker at cg_lrecker@cg.noacsc.org.

The Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Toledo Commitment Weekend is next week, April 12-13. Parishioners are encouraged to bring your pledge form along to Mass.

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LITURGIES

S(6th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Margaret Honigford
 M(7th) 7:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society Mass
 T(8th) 7:00 p.m. John, Alberta, & Rita Hoehn
 W(9th) 8:10 a.m. Richard J. Bendele
 Th(10th) 8:10 a.m. Kathy Eickholt
 F(11th) 8:10 a.m. Gene Beining
 S(12th) 4:00 p.m. Lawrence, Agatha, & Ralph Trentman
 S(13th) 8:00 a.m. Gephard, Mayme,
 Wilma & Rudy Gasser
 10:30 a.m. Walter & Genevieve Schlagbaum
 4:00 p.m. Youth Mass

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

Lucas Maag, Kelsey Miller, Kara Schimmoeller

SAT: 4:00 PM: Lindsey Eickholt, Victoria Jackson,
 Marissa Pohlman

SUN: 8:00 AM: Ashley Hoehn, Edward Luersman,
 Tyler Turnwald

10:30 AM: Katie Eickholt, Kayla Laudick,
 Matt Niemeyer

LECTORS: Jill Wenzlick, Pat Ricker, Kevin Horstman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Judy Eickholt, Carol Giesken,
 Peggy Pohlman, Jan Warnecke

Cup: Kathy Beining, Mary Lou Miller

Choir: Lee Pohlman (Total 7)

8:00 AM: Host: Nancy Beining, Anne Hemker,
 Carol Hoersten

Cup: Nancy Vetter, Jan Von Lehmden

Choir: Sharon Meyer (Total 6)

10:30 AM: Host: Julie Brickner, Jean Byrne,
 Jill Hohlbein, Sheila Miller

Cup: Peter Eickholt, Julie Nussbaum

Choir: Jim Hoersten (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Randy Altenburger, Rodney Beining,
 Dan Hoersten, Jim Wannemacher

8:00 AM: Dan Bendele, Arnold Rode,
 Roger Ruen, Bob Weber

10:30 AM: Mike Byrne, Carie Byrne,
 Gene Miller, Dennis Nussbaum

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Bob & Alice Hilvers family

8:00 AM: Mark & Robin Turnwald family

10:30 AM: Martha & Gerald Fischbach

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, by April 30 to make changes in your preferences.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Marie Gerdeman, Joann Gerdeman, Shannon Geise,
 Clara Gerker, Carol Gerker, Donna German,
 Michelle Giesige

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Rita Hoersten, Manager

Help: Mildred Beining, Jann Eickholt, Jeannette Knippen

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

April – Irene Miller

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Regular Sunday Collection: 4,834.55
Below Budget: \$ -165.45

Parish Center: \$12

THANK YOU!!!

CHOIR SCHEDULE: Sunday 10:30 AM: Adult Choir

HAVE YOU HEARD??? Hearthstone Jr. High Gathering is April 20 in Kalida Elementary School Gym from 1:30-6:45 PM. Seventh & Eighth grade students from around the county will come together to share our faith and join in games, workshops, food, prayer, dancing, and close with Sunday Liturgy. Call Renee Kelch to register.

C.L.C. MEETING: The April 14 meeting will begin with Mass at 7 PM. This is a special party to honor special birthdays and anniversaries. Entertainment and lunch following the meeting.

Summer Service Opportunities – Come volunteer for a week this summer; experience prayer and community with the Sisters of Notre Dame. Enlarge your vision of Jesus and his mission by assisting with migrant ministry in Leipsic. For women ages 18-35: July 13-18 or July 20-25. For high school women: June 22-27 or July 6-11. RSVP by April 14 to Sister Mary Delores Gatliff, dgatliff@toledosnd.org or 419-474-5485.

The Putnam Cancer Dance & Auction would like to thank all the community members and businesses for their generosity which helped make the 2008 benefit a success. Winners of the 50/50 raffle were: Ruth Horstman (Cloverdale), Bob Buckland (Ottawa), and Linda Schulte (Glandorf).

CARD PARTY BENEFIT by Ottoville Branch Friends of the Library will be April 17 at 6 PM in the Ottoville School Cafeteria. Tickets at the door \$3. Refreshments & prizes included.

Senior Citizens Prom will be April 27 from 4-7:30 PM at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Senior Citizens may make their reservation by call the parish office, 419-453-3513, by April 13. This year's theme is "Enchanted Garden". Come and enjoy good food, entertainment, games, and door prizes. This event coordinated by the Putnam County area youth ministers.

"Empty Arms" a support group addressing infant and child death holds meetings the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the New Creation Lutheran Church, 8127 E. Main. St., Ottawa. Next meeting is April 17. For more info www.putnamhealth.com/EmptyArms.htm or Putnam County Health Department, 419-523-5608.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

2008 Summer Park Program – Any child entering Ottoville Kindergarten in the fall of 2008 is eligible to participate in the summer T-Ball program. Contact Joyce Basinger, 419-453-3441 for forms and info.

Shelter House Rentals – To reserve a shelter house at the Ottoville Park, contact Jeanne Wannemacher, 419-453-3636.

Ottoville Park Clean-Up Day is April 20 at 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help keep our park beautiful!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can also be so overwhelmed we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop each day and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another in our families.