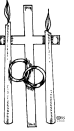




The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2009



Pastor: Father John Stites
 Phone: 419-345-5999
 Home: 419-453-2510

Deacon: Deacon Jose' Flores

Coordinator of Religious Education:
 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702

Youth Minister
 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

Sacristan/Banners/Bows:
 Mrs. Anne Landwehr – 419-453-3391

Liturgy Committee:
 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

Director of Music/Flowers:
 Mrs. Irene Miller – 419-453-3275

Maintenance:
 Mr. Dave Koester – 419-453-3513

Parish Center Manager:
 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
 Mrs. Patty Koester – 419-453-3513

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
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining – 419-453-3680

Parish Council:
 Mr. Jim Hoersten -Pres.
 Mrs. Lenora Ball
 Mr. Ron Hemker
 Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum
 Mrs. Nancy Vetter
 Mr. Eddie Luersman
 Mrs. Virginia Beining
 Mrs. Barb Hoersten
 Mr. Adam Schnipke
 Mr. Donald Warnecke

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: 10:30 AM

Daily Masses:
 Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday: 7 PM – 2nd & 4th of the month
 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: August 8, and October 10, 2009
 Instructions are for parents who celebrate the birth of their first child. It is highly recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of the child. Please call the office to register.

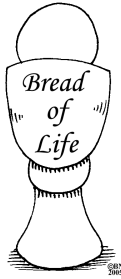
Baptisms:
 Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Deacon Jose' or Father John. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the office.

Engaged Couples Conference: First Sunday of March and November.

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



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

(II) Hilary Schimmoeller & Scott Gasser
 (III) Ashley Ruen & Matt Kunz

BAPTISM: Cody Daniel Calvelage, son of Craig & Stacy (Honigford) Calvelage

Update on the Annual Catholic Appeal for Our Parish – 81.1% of our goal has been reached with 30.7% Parishioner participation. I am sure most of you reading this have responded generously to this Diocesan obligation. If not, please prayerfully discern your response.
 - Fr. John

2009 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal: \$28,000
 Pledged to date: \$22,704

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FUNERAL LITURGY PREPARATION TEAM? Call Pat Ricker, 419-453-3256, Mary Ann Beining, 419-453-3680, or Sharon Horstman, 419-453-3517. You will be trained.

Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. **Project Rachel** offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line, 419-260-5811.

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops': *One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.*

-Alice von Hildebrand

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on August 21-23 call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration for those married 25, 50 & 60 or more years in the year 2009 will be held Sunday, October 18 at 3 PM at Rosary Cathedral. For reservations, call Patty at the Parish Office, 419-453-3513. Deadline for reservations is September 9.

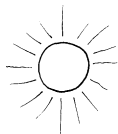
The DVD of the activities taken in this parish in 1955 is now available in the foyer of the Parish Office. Please return it as soon as possible. Thanks.



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LITURGIES

S(2nd) 10:30 a.m. Adolph & Irene Maag & Tony & Gertie Schlagbaum
 T(4th) 7:00 p.m. At Cloverdale
 W(5th) 8:10 a.m. Rita Beining
 Th(6th) 8:10 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Beining & family
 F(7th) 8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Andrew & Barbara Hohlbein family
 S(8th) 1:00 p.m. WEDDING:
 Ashley Ruen & Matt Kunz
 4:00 p.m. Wayne A. Grothouse
 S(9th) 10:30 a.m. Victor & Mary Ann Koester



The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8 PM (Sunday 2:30 PM). Fr. David Ross will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. More information at 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com

RETREATS: At Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, August 7-9, by Br. Karl Cothorn, OSB, Virtue: Living the "Good" Life – what does virtue have to do with Christian discipleship? Everything! This retreat will reflect on the virtues of faith, hope and love as fundamental dispositions for growth in holiness. To register: visit www.saintmeinrad.edu and click on "Retreat Program" at the bottom. (Fee: \$225 single, \$375 double)

At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, August 14-16, Journaling Your Personal and Spiritual Journey. Wendy Hart Beckman will take you on a journaling journey to help you discover that life of clarity and completeness. Register by August 7. \$176 per person. Register by calling 419-925-7625.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:

SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Nathan Ricker, Brendon Schnipke, Drew Williams
SAT: 4:00 PM: Kara Hoersten, Annie Lindeman, Tammy Wannemacher
SUN: 10:30 AM: Erin Hohlbein, Austin Markward, Krista Schimmoeller

LECTORS: Mike Ruen, Anne Landwehr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Anne Hemker, Sharon Meyer, Bernice Schnipke, Jan Warnecke
Cup: Deb Lindeman, Jill Wenzlick
Choir: Don Warnecke (Total 7)
10:30 AM: Host: Ann Beining, Julie Brickner, Doris Brinkman, Michelle Giesige
Cup: Sharon Brickner, Jill Hohlbein
Choir: Amy Hohlbein (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Randy Altenburger, Bob Bendele, Anthony Davis, Tim Kimmet
10:30 AM: Ralph Brickner, Mark Hilvers, Nancy Vetter, John Vetter

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Randy & Judy Altenburger
10:30 AM: Kevin & Stacie Kemper



*Interested in taking up Offertory Gifts? Please contact:
 Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861 for dates January thru June
 Deb Cross – 419-453-3682 for dates July thru December*

PRAY THE ROSARY

Velma Altenburger, Deb Altenburger, Bettie Altenburger, Judy Altenburger, Diane Arn, Lenora Ball, Judy Averagesch

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2; John 6:41-51

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:

Nancy Vetter, Manager

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

August: Irene Miller

COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection: 3,486.50

Below Budget: -1,513.50

Parish Center: \$5

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of July 20 - \$26,058.37

THANK YOU!

Please join me for a Prayer Service the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7 PM in the Church.

- Don Warnecke



CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY AND KEEP TALKING!

"Keep Talking: Daily Conversation Starters for the Family Meal" is a book written by mothers of school-aged children offering discussion points for each family mealtime. This may be purchased from Liguori Publications www.liguori.org or 800-325-9521 to be used in conjunction with Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children on September 28. Cost is \$9.95. Or consider "The Meal Box" a set of 52 cards featuring a question designed to get parents and children talking like never before. These are available at www.loyolapress.com/mealbox or 800-621-1008. Cost is also \$9.95.

27th ANNUAL HOLY TOLEDO CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

is October 16-17 at All Saints Catholic Church (Gym) Rossford, OH. Praise & Worship, Inspiring Speakers, Reconciliation, Youth Group sessions, Personal Prayer Ministry, Music by Servants in Song. Group rates accommodations available. For more information call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal, 419-691-6686.

Putnam County's First Annual PURE FASHION Show

is in the Presidential Room at the University of Northwestern Ohio Event Center, Lima on August 30 at 3 PM. *Pure Fashion* models will showcase the latest outfits that are trendy but still tasteful, modern and modest. Tickets on sale through August 19 at purefashion.com (click on 'Find City', click Putnam County on map and 'Show Details' for ticket ordering info) or call Connie Cassidy, 523-6956, or Julie Pothast, 538-6070, for more information.

AREA FESTIVALS:

Columbus Grove, St. Anthony, August 1-2. Saturday: Chicken BBQ, 5K Race. Sunday: Chicken & Beef dinners. Grand Prize: 2009 Chevrolet Malibu.
Ft. Jennings, St. Joseph, August 9 from 10 AM – 7 PM. Beef & Chicken Dinners, Big Ticket Drawing, Corn Hole Tournament, many more games & entertainment!
St. Michael's Ridge, August 9, Family Style Chicken & Ham Dinners from 11:30 – 4:30. Games, Fun, Prizes!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Jesus tells us in today's gospel: "I am the true bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." If we are what we eat, then perhaps it is time to put your family on The Gospel Diet and devote more time and energy to the "bread of life."

