



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Third Sunday of Advent
 December 14, 2008**

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Coordinator of Religious Education:
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 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

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 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

Director of Music/Flowers:
 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

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

Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center
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 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 Mrs. Virginia Beining
 Mr. Ron Hemker Mrs. Barb Hoersten
 Mr. Jim Hoersten Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum
 Mr. Adam Schnipke Mr. Gary Turnwald
 Mr. Brad Turnwald Mr. Eddie Luersman

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: February 14 and April 11, 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

BAPTISM: Isaac Robert Brinkman, son of Craig & Angie (Schmenk) Brinkman

The following families need to pick up their new Ministers of Mass schedule in the enclosed entrance of the parish office. They were in the back of church for over a month. **If they are not picked up within a week your name will be removed from the Ministry Schedule.** The Families of: Dan Ditto, Tim Kimmert, Jim Klima, Shannon Knippen, Fred Koch, John Schlagbaum, and Terry Warnecke.

Also, there are **VERY MANY 2009** offertory envelopes that need to be picked up in the Main Vestibule of the Church. - Fr. John

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: There is one more weekend in Advent. Your family can still come forward to light the candles on the Advent Wreath. Just call the office, 419-453-3513, and let us know which Mass next weekend you would like to participate.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

“God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son...” Soon it will be Christmas, the most beautiful season of the year. If this time of joy is to have any real significance for us, Christ must be the center of our Christmas celebration. You can begin by attending a Penance Service.

***Sun., Dec. 14,** Ottoville Immaculate Conception – 2 PM
 Sun., Dec. 14, Leipsic St. Mary – 7 PM
 Mon., Dec. 15, Columbus Grove St. Anthony – 4 & 7 PM
 Wed., Dec. 17, Ft. Jennings St. Joseph – 7 PM
 Mon., Dec. 22, Ottawa SS Peter & Paul – 4 & 7 PM

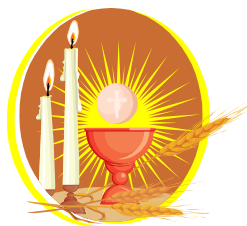
To donate a **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** in memory of a loved one, place \$13 in an envelope with all the necessary information and drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 21 or call Irene Miller, 419-453-3275. Envelopes at church entrances.

2009 Immaculate Conception calendars are available at the entrances. The calendars are compliments of Harter-Schier Funeral Homes, Delphos.

On Christmas, Christ comes once more “unto his own,” and to those who receive him he gives “the power to become children of God”; in a word, he offers them the opportunity to see God’s glory and to share the joy of that Love which became incarnate for us in Bethlehem. That day “our Savior is born to the world,” for he knows that even today we need him. Despite humanity’s many advances, man has always been the same: a freedom poised between good and evil, between life and death. ...And, in this post-modern age, perhaps he needs a Savior all the more, since the society in which he lives has become more complex and the threats to his personal and moral integrity have become more insidious. Who can defend him, if not the One who loves him to the point of sacrificing on the Cross his only-begotten Son as the Savior of the world?

-Pope Benedict XVI, *Urbi et Orbi* Message, Christmas 2006.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: If you would be interested in serving as a member of our Parish Council please call the parish office. Requirements are that you are 18 years old or older.



Third Sunday of Advent

LITURGIES

S(14th) 8:00 a.m. Gebhard, Mayme,
Wilma & Rudy Gasser
10:30 a.m. Agnes Eickholt
2:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service
T(16th) 7:00 p.m. Virg Schnipke
W(17th) 8:10 a.m. JoAnn Honigford
Th(18th) 8:10 a.m. Helen L. Miller
F(19th) 8:10 a.m. Maurice Wannemacher
S(20th) 4:00 p.m. Eugene Miller
S(21st) 8:00 a.m. Elmer Schneider
10:30 a.m. Mary Ann & David Hohlbein

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

Annie Lindeman, Wesley Markward, Robyn Turnwald

SAT: 4:00 PM: Cory Honigford, Marissa Pohlbel,
Austin Schroeder**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Nichole Kimmet, Christopher Rieger,
Nathan Turnwald**10:30 AM:** Nathan Beining, Derek Koester,
Eddie Luersman**LECTORS:** Mari-Lou Beining, Patricia Ricker,
Joan Ruen**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:****4:00 PM: Host:** Kathy Beining, Leon Burgei,
Beth Eickholt, Jan Warnecke
Cup: Carol Giesken, Mary Lou Miller
Choir: Jill Wenzlick (Total 7)**8:00 AM: Host:** Marcia Eickholt, Marie Grote,
Sharon Meyer**Cup:** Angie Niemeyer, Jan VonLehmden**Choir:** Deb Lindeman (Total 6)**10:30 AM: Host:** Michelle Giesige, Jim Hoersten,
Amy Hohlbein, Jill Hohlbein**Cup:** Ann Beining, Jane Turnwald**Choir:** Ginny Beining (Total 7)**USHERS:****4:00 PM:** Ralph Burgei, Tim Eickholt,
Dan Hoersten, Randy Warnecke**8:00 AM:** John Grote, Kyle Niemeyer,
Bob Weber, Otto Wenzlick**10:30 AM:** Carl Beining, Tom Markward,
Dennis Miller, Todd Miller**GIFTS:****4:00 PM:** Tim & Mary Jo Maag**8:00 AM:** Bill & Bonnie Beining**10:30 AM:** Greg & Jean Hohlbein**PRAY THE ROSARY**Miss Irene Miller, Irene (Ralph) Miller, Virginia Miller,
Mary (Alan) Miller, Betty Miller, Jill Miller, Sheila Miller**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Mary Ann Rode, Manager

Past Help: Doris Brinkman, Doris Herman

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00Sunday Collection & Feast Day: 5,080.27**Above Budget:** +80.27

Parish Center: \$378 Church Repair: \$861

THANK YOU!!!**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**Total as of December 5 - \$12,578**THANK YOU!**

Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering from 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 at 419-260-5811.

Share Your Christmas Spirit! Consider, in place of Christmas gifts, a donation to Catholic Charities in honor of your family, friends or co-workers. We will send a Christmas card to them acknowledging your gift, given in their name. Your gift will help us to continue to serve those among us who are most vulnerable. Send your gift to Catholic Charities, PO Box 985, Toledo, OH 43697-0985. You may designate your gift to any of our offices (Norwalk, Mansfield, Fremont, Ottawa or Toledo.)

CYO GAMES:**Boys "Hoffman" League:**

At Ottoville 1 PM vs. Miller City St. Nicholas

At Ottoville 2:15 PM vs. Lima St. Charles

Boys "Donovan" League:

At Ottoville 3:30 PM vs. Lima St. Charles

Girls: At Ottoville 4:45 PM vs. Ottawa SS Peter & Paul

CLC Members: Please bring a canned or boxed food item for a local family-in-need to the Christmas party (Ottoville & Ft. Jennings councils) December 15 at 6 PM. Personal care items (toilet paper, combs, body wash, etc.) also appreciated.

Please bring your recipes for the CLC convention cookbook. They will all be sent in together.

Porcelain lighted replicas of St. Isidore Church, Cuba, available at St. Michael's parish office, Kalida for \$15. Call 419-532-3474, ext. 100 for more information.

Perfect Christmas gift for your spouse... **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** January 16-18 at Sauder's Heritage Inn, Archbold. For more information call: 419-538-7210 or email bcschroeder@bright.net or www.wvme.org Brochures on the pamphlet rack in the back vestibule.

A Divorced & Separated Retreat, "When God Calls in the Night" will be held February 6-8 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House, Carey, OH. During what may seem the darkest times God still seeks to fill us with light. Come experience God's presence, know His love, live His healing. Rev. Chris Vasko, former director of parish Divorced & Separated Ministry, missionary and retreat director will offer this prayer-filled weekend. For information contact the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities at 419-244-6711, ext. 404 or 409.

For All Girls Freshmen to Seniors in Putnam County

– A new program "Pure Fashion" a faith-based, character formation program is coming to Putnam County. Two information sessions will be held, December 14 from 7:30-8 PM in St. Anthony's Church basement, Columbus Grove and the second is December 22 from 6:30-7:30 PM at Kalida Church basement. Call Susan Meyer, 419-532-3349 or Julie Pothast, 419-538-6070 with questions or go to purefashion.com and click on the 'Home' page.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: A parent is meant to be a "witness to the light." To be effective, light must be in front of our children, not behind them. A parent must lead, not follow to "make straight the path of the Lord" for their children.

