



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 21, 2008**

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Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center

Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM

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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

Mr. Ron Hemker

Mr. Jim Hoersten

Mr. Adam Schnipke

Mr. Brad Turnwald

Mrs. Virginia Beining

Mrs. Barb Hoersten

Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum

Mr. Gary 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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's Gospel sounds like a fairy tale story which is too good to be true. But it is true. While it is about the birth of Jesus, it is also about the faith of a young teenager, Mary, and Joseph's courage, respect and affection for Mary. When faith, courage, respect and affection live in a family, "God is with you!"

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.

PRAY FOR PEACE by attending our Peace Service for the Military on December 30 after the 7 PM Mass.

Congratulations! To Kathy Rellinger chosen as West Central Ohio Home Health, Home Health Aide of the Year!!!!

Thank You! for the donation made by the Alice Heitmeyer Family in Honor of Alice's 90th birthday.

CYO GAMES: Today, December 21

Boys "Hoffman" League:

At Ottoville 1 PM vs. Ottawa SS Peter & Paul

At Ottoville 2:15 PM vs. Kalida St. Michael

Boys "Donovan" League:

At Ottoville 3:30 PM vs. Leipsic St. Mary

Girls: At Kalida 2:15 PM vs. Kalida St. Michael

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 bschroeder@bright.net or www.wwme.org Brochures on the pamphlet rack in the back vestibule.

The Ottoville Community Bloodmobile will be held December 29 from 12-6 PM in the Parish Center Banquet Room. Please consider stopping in and donating blood. Donations of blood are falling, and this time of year is especially hard on the Red Cross. Call Sue Luersman, 419-453-3763 for an appointment or just walk-in! Thank You.

Donations of homemade cookies are needed for the Bloodmobile on December 29. Please remember us while you are doing your holiday baking. We'll take your leftovers also! Please bring them to the Parish Center Banquet Room by 10:30 AM on the 29th. Thanks.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

LITURGIES

S(21st) 8:00 a.m. Elmer Schneider
 10:30 a.m. Mary Ann & David Hohlbein
 T(23rd) 7:00 p.m. Diane King & Gene Beining

Christmas Eve-Wednesday December 24
 4:00 p.m. John & Leona Nartker &
 George & Lucinda Hilvers families
 7:00 p.m. Paul Turnwald
 10:00 p.m. Jerome Turnwald
Christmas Morning-Thursday December 25
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

F(26th) 8:10 a.m. William Mansfield
 S(27th) 4:00 p.m. Hubert & Irma Pohlman &
 Clete & Mary Gerding
 S(28th) 8:00 a.m. Norbert & Marcella Bendele
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
 Thines/Martz families

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:
SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Elizabeth Luersman, Trent Miller, Joseph VanOss
SAT: 4:00 PM: Ryan Honigford, Dylan Klima,
 Taylor Mangas
SUN: 8:00 AM: Katrina Beining, Sam Beining,
 Ross Honigford
10:30 AM: Drew Bendele, Tricia Honigford,
 Matthew Niemeyer

LECTORS: Carl Turnwald, Carla Landin,
 Kevin Horstman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
4:00 PM: Host: Kathy Beining, Mary Lou Miller,
 Ted & Christine Herman
Cup: Beth Eickholt, Don Warnecke
Choir: Jan Warnecke (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Marie Grote, Ron Niemeyer,
 Bernice Schnipke
Cup: Marcia Eickholt, Deb Lindeman
Choir: Anne Landwehr (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Rose Brickner, Jean Byrne,
 Jack & Helen Devitt
Cup: Dee Dee & Don Schlagbaum
Choir: Lenora Ball (Total 7)

USHERS:
4:00 PM: Brian Altenburger, Tim Kimmet,
 Gary Turnwald, Jim Wannemacher
8:00 AM: Bob Bendele, Joel Edelbrock,
 Paul Hoersten, Arnold Rode
10:30 AM: Carie Byrne, Mike Byrne,
 Dave Fischbach, Jerry Turnwald

GIFTS:
4:00 PM: Dale & Cheryl Honigford
8:00 AM: Mike & Linda Brinkman
10:30 AM: Pat & Shari Kemper

PRAY THE ROSARY
 Mary Lou Miller, Laurie Miller, Kelly Miller, Bonnie (Larry)
 Miller, Joyce Miller, Leone Miller, Angie Miller

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:
 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:
 Mary Ann Rode, Manager

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Sunday Collection & Feast Day: 4,807.01
Below Budget: -192.99
 Parish Center: \$89 Church Repair: \$417

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:
 Total as of December 14 - \$13,878
THANK YOU!

MINISTERS OF MASS – CHRISTMAS MASSES

SERVERS: Christmas Eve:
 4:00 PM: Elizabeth Luersman, Trent Miller,
 Joseph Van Oss
 7:00 PM: Melissa Burgei, Matthew Burgei,
 Kara Schimmoeller, Nicole Vorst
 10:00 PM: Megan Bendele, Lindsey Eickholt,
 Scott Pohlman, Christopher Rieger
Christmas Day: 9:00 AM: Matthew Niemeyer,
 Alex Odenweller, Garrett Rayman, Adam Wannemacher
LECTORS: 4:00 PM: Austin Honigford,
 Brittany Schleeter
 7 PM, 10 PM, 9 AM: Beth Schnipke, Julie Brickner,
 Carol Wittler

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Zach Knippen
PLACE BABY JESUS IN MANGER: Trevor Horstman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Christmas Eve:
 4:00 PM: **Host:** Jean Byrne, Jack & Helen Devitt,
 Ron Niemeyer
Cup: Lenora Ball, Sheila Miller
Choir: Judy Eickholt
 7:00 PM: **Host:** Rose Brickner, Doris Brinkman,
 Sharon Meyer, Mike Ricker
Cup: Dee Dee & Don Schlagbaum
Choir: Sharon Brickner
 10:00 PM: **Host:** Michelle Geisige, Julie Nussbaum,
 Toni Rieger, Jane Turnwald
Cup: Ann Beining, Jim Hoersten
Choir: Peggy Pohlman
Christmas Day: 9:00 AM: **Host:** Doris Brinkman,
 Amy Hohlbein, Jill Hohlbein, Angie Niemeyer
Cup: Sharon Brickner, Sheila Miller
Choir: Don Warnecke

USHERS:
Christmas Eve:
 4:00 PM: Derek & Luke Schimmoeller,
 Ryan Kemper, Ryan Honigford
 7:00 PM: Steve Beining, Ralph Brickner,
 Adam Schnipke, Dan Vorst
 10:00 PM: Dan Bendele, Duane Boecker,
 Darrell Von Sossan, Jim Wannemacher

Christmas Day:
 9:00 AM: Rod Beining, Ralph Brickner,
 Mark Hilvers, Dennis Miller

GIFTS: Christmas Eve:
 4:00 PM: Julia & Jack Langhals,
 Alicia & Alexa Honigford
 7:00 PM: Paul Turnwald Family
 10:00 PM: Jerome Turnwald Family
Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Volunteers

**A Christmas Prayer
 by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
 that we may share in the song of the angels,
 the gladness of the shepherds,
 and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over
 the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good
 desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the
 blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry
 with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy
 children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
 with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus'
 sake. Amen.

