



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 28, 2008



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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
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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

Thanks to all of you for the many greeting cards, gift cards and pictures of the Presidents you sent me for Christmas. I hope all of you had an enjoyable Christmas celebration with your Family and Friends. May you have a healthy and happy New Year as well.

- Fr. John

SPECIAL THANKS to those families who donated money for poinsettias to decorate our church in celebration of the Birth of our Savior. List of donors is available at all Church exits.

THANKS to those who helped set up the Nativity Scene and decorations: Otto & Denny Wenzlick, Bob & Hubie Byrne, Dan Hoersten, Jim Eickholt, and Dave Koester.

THANKS also to these people who helped 'fine tune' the decorations: Irene Miller, Angie Hohlbein, Mary Ann Beining, Doris Brinkman, Helen Devitt, Millie Ruen, Marty Gerdeman, Angie Honigford & family, and Joyce & Mike Basinger & family.

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.

Thank You! to the C L of C ladies for their donation to our parish.

Thank You! also go to the Ottoville Lion's Club for their generous donation to our Steeple Repair.

A word of blessings to you all. Classes at Mount St. Mary's Seminary are going well for me and are dwindling down. In fact, I only have a little over 4 months of school left before I complete my final class and am ordained a priest on May 30th. Obviously, I am getting more and more excited as the day draws nearer. As such, I thank you for your support and prayers and ask for you to continue praying for me and my classmates as we approach ordination to the priesthood. In return, please know of my prayers for you and your families, especially during this Christmas season and New Year. May you be found in joyful expectation when our Lord comes in glory. And may God bless you all and your families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
 Deacon Jason Kahle

CYO GAMES: Today, December 28
Boys "Hoffman" League:
 At Ottoville 1 PM vs. Leipsic St. Mary
 At Ottoville 2:15 PM vs. Findlay St. Michael

Boys "Donovan" League:
 At Ottawa 4th St. Gym 1 PM vs. SS Peter & Paul
Girls: At Kalida 3:30 PM vs. Ft. Jennings St. Joseph

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. We'll take your leftovers! Please bring them to the Parish Center Banquet Room by 10:30 AM on the 29th. Thanks!

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph***LITURGIES**

S(28th) 8:00 a.m. Norbert & Marcella Bendele
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
 Thines/Martz families
 T(30th) 7:00 p.m. Ott, Norma, & Mark Schlagbaum &
 Joe & Marlene Kaverman
 W(31st) 8:10 a.m. Louie Landwehr

December 31 – New Years Eve

4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Kaple

January 1, 2009 – New Years Day

9:00 a.m. Parishioners

F(2nd) 8:10 a.m. Joan Bleim
 S(3rd) 4:00 p.m. Henrietta & Joseph Landin
 S(4th) 8:00 a.m. Norbert & Marcella Bendele
 10:30 a.m. Armella Turnwald

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

Joel Beining, Anna Bendele, Kyle Bendele

SAT: 4:00 PM: Emma Eickholt, Cory Fischer,
Zachary Weber**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Deidre Knippen, Kylee Schweller,
Kristin Schweller**10:30 AM:** Steven Eickholt, Eddie Luersman,
Josh Rellinger**LECTORS:** Dorothy Flores, Anne Landwehr,
Rochelle Trenkamp**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

4:00 PM: Host: Leon Burgei, Carol Giesken,
Mary Lou Miller, Peggy Pohlman
Cup: Kathy Beining, Jan Warnecke
Choir: Judith Eickholt (Total 7)

8:00 AM: Host: Deb Lindeman, Patricia Ricker,
Jan Von Lehmden

Cup: Angie Niemeyer, Mike Ricker**Choir:** Sharon Meyer (Total 6)

10:30 AM: Host: Rose Brickner, Julie Brickner,
Toni Rieger, Jane Turnwald

Cup: Bonnie Beining, Julie Nussbaum**Choir:** Ginny Beining (Total 7)**USHERS:**

4:00 PM: Judy Eickholt, Bradley Eickholt,
Gary Pohlman, Dennis Schnipke

8:00 AM: Larry Beining, Ron Hemker,
Vaughn Horstman, Roger Ruen

10:30 AM: Bill Beining, Mike Heitmeyer,
Dennis Nussbaum, Tony Rieger

GIFTS:**4:00 PM:** Denny & Marilyn Wenzlick**8:00 AM:** Kevin & Cindy Knippen family**10:30 AM:** Armella Turnwald family**PRAY THE ROSARY**Amy Miller, Ruth (Ray) Miller, Betty Miller, Louise Miller,
Ruth A. Miller, Shirley Miller, Babe Miller**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:

Betty Beining, Manager

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00Sunday Collection & Feast Day: 6,595.72**Above Budget:** +1,595.72

Parish Center: \$128 Church Repair: \$1011

THANK YOU!!!**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**

Total as of December 22 - \$15,553

THANK YOU!

Can't find your 2009 Collection envelopes??? We have them in the Parish Office. Just stop in and ask ☺

MINISTERS OF MASS – NEW YEARS MASSES**SERVERS: New Years Eve:**

4:00 PM: Tracy Tumblin, Amy Tumblin, Nicole Vorst
New Years Day: 9:00 AM: Lynn Beining, Lori Hoersten,
Erin Hohlbein

LECTORS: 4:00 PM: Beth Schnipke

9:00 AM: Beth Schnipke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: New Years Eve:

4:00 PM: **Host:** Sharon Brickner, Doris Brinkman,
Michelle Giesige, Sheila Miller

Cup: Julie Brickner, Jane Turnwald**Choir:** Jill Wenzlick**New Years Day:**

9:00 AM: **Host:** Lenora Ball, Ann Beining,
Sharon Brickner, Jim Hoersten

Cup: Jill Hohlbein, Amy Hohlbein**Choir:** Brooke Koester**USHERS: New Years Eve:**

4:00 PM: Ralph Brickner, Adam Schnipke,
Dan Vorst, Randy Warnecke

New Years Day:

9:00 AM: Lynn Beining, Lori Hoersten,
Erin Hohlbein

GIFTS: New Years Eve:

4:00 PM: Jim & Theresa Kramer

New Years Day: 9:00 AM: Tim & Toni Rieger Family

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. January 16-18 at Sauder's Heritage Inn, Archbold. For more information call: 419-538-7210 or email bc Schroeder@bright.net or www.wwme.org Brochures on the pamphlet rack in the back vestibule.

A Day of Renewal sponsored by the Delphos St. John's Holy Spirit Prayer Group on January 17 from 9 AM – 5 PM including closing Liturgy at 4 PM at the St. John's Annex, 722 S. Jefferson St., Delphos. Guest speaker is Bob Valiante, Director of the Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton, PA. Lunch is provided and the day is FREE OF CHARGE. Contact Bernie Schnipke for more information at bernieschnipke@hotmail.com or 419-695-6825 or 419-303-0555.

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 to talk with someone; we invite you to call the confidential help line, 419-260-5811.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 23-25, call 419-690-0083 or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Holy Family Sunday is not just about Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Your family too is called to be a "sign" to the world of a way of life modeled after the Holy Family. Like Mary and Joseph, you will be "a sign opposed" by others. For being different a "sword will pierce your heart." If we are doing it right, pain and Christianity go together!