



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Second Sunday of Advent
 December 7, 2008**

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Home Bound Support Group:
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Parish Council:
 Mr. Kevin Horstman -Pres.
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 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:
December 13, 2008 and February 14, 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

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.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: If your family would like to come forward at the beginning of Mass to light the Advent Wreath candle for a specific Mass, please call the office, 419-453-3513, and give us your name, the weekend, and Mass that fits your schedule. It would be great to have a different family for each week. - Fr. John

Monday is the feast day of our Parish Patroness under the title of **The Immaculate Conception**. This is a Holyday of OBLIGATION. Contrary to what some may believe and practice we are OBLIGED to celebrate Holydays of Obligation by attending Mass. The times for our Holyday Masses are Monday at 8:10 AM and 7 PM.

To celebrate the Feast of Immaculate Conception December 8 you may place a large candle on Mary's altar, but do not light it. Rosary-Altar members will light it for the feast day.

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.

Tues., Dec. 9, New Cleveland Holy Family – 7 PM
 Wed., Dec. 10, Kalida St. Michael – 4 & 7 PM
 Thurs., Dec. 11, Glandorf St. John – 4 & 7 PM
 *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.

YOUTH CHOIR Christmas musical drama "Hotel Bethlehem" is TODAY at 3 PM in the Parish Gymnasium after the Winterfest. All are welcome. FREE admission.

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

Next weekend is the collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Envelopes available in your packet. Please be generous. Thank You.

WORD OF LIFE: At Christmas we contemplate God made man, divine glory hidden beneath the poverty of a Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; the Creator of the Universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant. Once we accept this paradox, we discover the Truth that sets us free and the Love that transforms our lives. On Bethlehem Night, the Redeemer becomes one of us, our companion along the precarious paths of history. Let us take the hand which he stretches out to us: it is a hand which seeks to take nothing from us, but only to give.

- Pope Benedict XVI, Urbi et Orbi Message, Christmas 2005

*Second Sunday of Advent***LITURGIES**

S(7th) 8:00 a.m. Armella Turnwald
 10:30 a.m. Adam Eickholt
 1:00 p.m. Youth Mass
 M(8th) 8:10 a.m. Betty A. Wieman
 7:00 p.m. Mildred Wannemacher
 T(9th) 7:00 p.m. Andy Warnecke
 W(10th) 8:10 a.m. Thomas Stites
 Th(11th) 8:10 a.m. Adolph, Regina, Ray & Jerry Miller
 F(12th) 8:10 a.m. Chris Gerdeman
 S(13th) 4:00 p.m. Clarence Hoersten
 S(14th) 8:00 a.m. Gebhard, Mayme,
 Wilma & Rudy Gasser
 10:30 a.m. Agnes Eickholt
 2:00 p.m. **Advent Penance Service**

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:

SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Morgan Beining, Tyler Roby, Courtney Von Sossan
SAT: 4:00 PM: Grant Altenburger, Logan Kortokrax,
 Matt Turnwald
SUN: 8:00 AM: Lauren Kramer, Morgan Schroeder,
 Jessica Vorst
10:30 AM: Alyssa Honigford, Derek Miller,
 Adria Wannemacher

LECTORS: Jill Wenzlick, Anne Landwehr, Jean Byrne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Judy Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman,
 Ted & Christine Herman
Cup: Kathy Beining, Don Warnecke
Choir: Leon Burgei (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Ron Niemeyer, Mike Ricker,
 Bernice Schnipke
Cup: Deb Lindeman, Jan Von Lehmden
Choir: Marcia Eickholt (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Rose Brickner, Doris Brinkman,
 Sheila Miller, Julie Nussbaum
Cup: Toni Rieger, Jane Turnwald
Choir: Ann Beining (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Kevin Lindeman, Gary Pohlman,
 Tyler Turnwald, Mark Turnwald
8:00 AM: Larry Beining, Ron Hemker,
 Vaughn Horstman, Rodney Niemeyer
10:30 AM: Dan Honigford, Gene Miller,
 Dennis Nussbaum, Gene Turnwald

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Don & Doris Honigford
8:00 AM: Brad & Sara Beining
10:30 AM: Family of Agnes Eickholt

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

December 8: 8:10 AM Servers: Morgan Beining,
 Tyler Roby, Courtney Von Sossan
Lector: Elementary Student
Ushers: Elementary Students
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Lenora Ball, Jean Byrne,
 Mary Lou Miller, Nancy Vetter **Cup:** Helen & Jack
 Devitt
December 8: 7 PM Servers: Haylee Koester,
 Luke Schimmoeller, Nicole Vorst
Lector: Shayla Koester
Ushers: Darren & Julie Schimmoeller,
 Derek Schimmoeller, Dan Vorst
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Julie Brickner,
 Rose Brickner, Jim Hoersten, Julie Nussbaum
Cup: Ginny Beining, Toni Rieger
Choir: Sharon Brickner

PRAY THE ROSARY

Trude Menke, Sharon Meyer, Janice Meyer,
 Bonnie (Bender) Miller, Mary (Don) Miller, Monica Miller,
 Linda Miller

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:

Marge Hicks, Manager
 Past Help: Sharon & Danielle Rellinger

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Sunday Collection & All Saints: 5,325.36
Above Budget: +325.36
 Parish Center: \$30 Church Repair: \$24
THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of December 3 - \$12,528
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.

C.L.C. Christmas Party is December 15 at 6 PM in the Parish Center Family Room. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5. Fort Jennings CLC will be guests. Games, entertainment and door prizes following the meal. RSVP to Jean Hilvers, 419-453-3540, or Ruth Miller, 419-453-3187 by December 9. Please bring your recipes for the CLC convention cookbook. They will all be sent in together.

Christmas Open House at the **Ottoville-Monterey Twp. Library** is December 8 from 5-6:30 PM. Santa will visit with surprises for the kids and pictures from 5-6 PM and Christmas Story time from 6-6:30 PM. There will be refreshments, festivities & door prizes. Also, check out the 'Make It/Take It' table of Christmas Crafts all during December. Call 419-453-2111 with questions.

"Swing into the Christmas Season" Dance sponsored by the Putnam County Council on Aging is December 10 at the Kalida K of C hall from 3-5 PM. The AI Best Band is performing. Sandwich buffet at 4:45 PM. Ticket price is \$5. Call the Council on Aging, 419-523-4121, for ticket info.

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 bc Schroeder@bright.net or www.wwme.org

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel raises many questions: Was the Baptist's family embarrassed by his life style, diet, clothing and message? Did they avoid or ignore him or advise him to come and be 'normal'? Advent, a time to change our hearts, raises another question: Who in your family needs for your acceptance?

2009 Collection envelopes are available in the vestibule of church. If you don't find a box there for you, call the office, 419-453-3513. Thanks!

ATTENTION!! If you haven't already, please pick up your new **Ministers of Mass** schedule in the back center vestibule!

