



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 15, 2009**

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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
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 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. Brad Turnwald
 Mrs. Virginia Beining
 Mrs. Barb Hoersten
 Mr. Adam Schnipke
 Mr. Donald Warnecke
 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:
April 11 and June 13, 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

In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God confirmed the dignity of the body and soul which constitute the human being. Christ did not disdain bodiliness, but instead fully disclosed its meaning and value: "In reality, it is only in the mystery of the incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."
By virtue of the simple fact of existing, every human being must be fully respected... discrimination with regard to human dignity based on biological, psychological, or educational development, or based on health-related criteria, must be excluded.

- *Dignitas Personae, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, September 8, 2008*

The Adult Education committees of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's will begin their Lenten Study on February 26 the day after Ash Wednesday. The study is being offered at both 9 AM and 7 PM each Thursday during Lent in the Parish Center. The last study will meet April 2. Based on a previous discussion, we will finish the last three lessons related to Saint Paul on our own time and use our Lent time to do a Bible Study on Jesus' Passion with the "Last Seven Words of Christ". We encourage everyone who can to attend. A 1999 pastoral plan for Adult Education states: "Adult faith is clearly and explicitly rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus lived in the Christian community...Our understanding of the person and the way of Jesus continues to grow by our dedication on the word of God, by prayer and sacrament, by our efforts to follow Jesus' example, and by the sure guidance of the Church's teaching". Books will be provided. You may sign up on one of the sign up sheets at Church entrances or by calling Rosie Wenzlick, 419-453-3189 or Marie Lubeley, 419-453-2580.

ICY Group would like to thank everyone for a very successful breakfast last Sunday. Thanks especially to the adult volunteers who helped that day, and to those who help throughout the year with the CYO program. It is greatly appreciated! And congratulations to the winner of the gas grill... Todd Knippen.

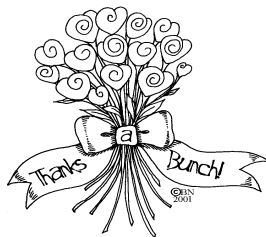
ATTENTION: If you have any jelly size canning jars you could donate to the youth group call Renee Kelch.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BINGO is February 22 at the Ottoville Parish Center. Early Bird Bingo is 12:30 PM with Regular Bingo at 2 PM. Open to the public but NO players under 18 years of age. 50/50 Drawing and Door Prizes. Concessions and Religious Articles for sale.

The Couple to Couple League will start a new series of Natural Family Planning classes in February. If you would like to learn the most comprehensive and up to date information of fertility awareness, please call Don & Cindy Rall at 419-532-2565 or www.ccli.org

The Franciscan Friars invite you to make a pilgrimage to the **Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation** in Carey, OH. We offer a place of quiet prayer and devotion on your journey to faith, hope, and healing. For more information call 419-396-7107 or visit our website at www.olcshrine.com

*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*



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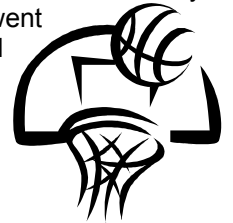
LITURGIES

- S(15th) 8:00 a.m. Theodore Kramer family & The Herman Kemper family
- 10:30 a.m. Ray Miller
- T(17th) 7:00 p.m. JoAnn Honigford
- W(18th) 8:10 a.m. Frank & Elenor Krietemeyer
- Th(19th) 8:10 a.m. Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma and Rudy Gasser
- F(20th) 8:10 a.m. Eugene & LuluBelle Gasser
- S(21st) 4:00 p.m. JoAnn Hohlbein
- S(22nd) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Joe & Sharon Horstman family



To request a copy of your 2008 Contribution Statement, please contact the parish office 419-453-3513 or immac@bright.net

FYI – The Ottoville Knights of Columbus held their Free Throw Contest on January 18. The local winners were Jared Fanning, Dana Eickholt, Joel Beining, Courtney Von Sossan, Wesley Markward, Tonya Kaufman, Cory Honigford, and Zach Weber. These 8 went on to district play on February 1 and Courtney Von Sossan and Zach Weber won their age group. They now go on to regional play on February 22.
GOOD LUCK! Courtney & Zach!!



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, Dylan Klima
- SUN: 8:00 AM:** Seth Bendele, Sarah Luersman, Holly Von Sossan
- 10:30 AM:** Steven Eickholt, Tricia Honigford, Joshua Rellinger

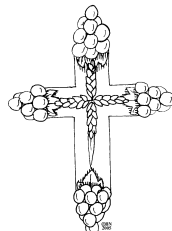
LECTORS: Carl Turnwald, Anne Landwehr, Rhonda Hilvers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:00 PM: Host:** Leon Burgei, Judith Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman, Jill Wenzlick
Cup: Beth Eickholt, Donald Warnecke
Choir: Judy Eickholt (Total 7)
- 8:00 AM: Host:** Marie Grote, Deb Lindeman, Angie Niemeyer
Cup: Ron Niemeyer, Jan Von Lehmden
Choir: Carol Hoersten (Total 6)
- 10:30 AM: Host:** Bonnie Beining, Ginny Beining, Julie Nussbaum, Toni Rieger
Cup: Jill Hohlbein, Amy Hohlbein
Choir: Jane Turnwald (Total 7)

USHERS:

- 4:00 PM:** Brad Eickholt, Tim Eickholt, Tim Kimmet, Gary Turnwald
- 8:00 AM:** John Grote, Ron Hemker, Vaughn Horstman, Roger Ruen
- 10:30 AM:** Bill Beining, Carl Beining, Dennis Nussbaum, Jerry Turnwald



GIFTS:

- 4:00 PM:** Virgil & Nancy Hohlbein
- 8:00 AM:** Mike & Jennifer Bendele family
- 10:30 AM:** Joe & Sharon Horstman family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Connie Rhodes, Kelly Ricker, Amy Ricker, Connie Ricker, Ruth Ricker, Mary Ricker, Bernice Rieger

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Ruth Miller, Manager

COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection: 5,064.31
Above Budget: +64.31
 Parish Center: \$87 Church Repair: \$816

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of January 20 - \$20,698.37

THANK YOU!



"Adoption Information Meeting" presented by Catholic Charities & Adopt America Network, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruitment Program is March 5 from 6:30-9:30 PM at St. Wendelin's Parish Life, 313 N. Wood St., Fostoria. The meeting is free of charge. Learn about Charities Domestic Infant Adoptions. Also about Adopt America Network and adopting an older child from the foster care system. To register: kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org or call 419-244-6711 ext. 440 or 800-926-8277.

At the Ottoville Library –

Storytime every Monday at 6:30 PM thru March 16.

Baked Steak or Chicken Dinners at the Ottoville VFW Post #3740 on February 20 starting at 4:30 PM. Adults: \$6.75 and Children: \$4. Carry-outs available. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #3740.

The Putnam County Hospice Annual Night Out is February 21 at the Ottawa K of C. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$360 for a table of 12. Donations are being sought for the auction. Call Julie, 419-523-4449, at Putnam County Homecare and Hospice for more details. All proceeds remain in Putnam County and are used to offset the high cost of health care for the terminally ill.

The Putnam County District Library in Ottawa (at the Educational Service Center) will have "Sewing with a Serger" on February 24 from 6:30-8 PM. Helen Devitt will present the basics of sewing with a serger. During this class you will be making a fleece hat. The fee is \$8. Register by February 17 by calling 419-523-3747. You will need to bring shears and pins.

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "Patriotism" essays from High School seniors. Applications are available from your high school guidance counselor or from the parish office. Essay deadline is March 1.

The OTTOVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE is Saturday, May 2 from 9 AM – 5 PM. Register now thru April 1. Forms available at Village Market, Post Office, both Banks in Ottoville, Express Mart, Subway, and Ottoville Hardware. Special Events and Fundraisers welcome. For information call Jean Steele, 419-453-3534.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The key words in today's gospel were spoken to Jesus by the leper: "IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN!" How many people are waiting to be "made clean" by your understanding and forgiveness? Remember: IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN!

