



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 22, 2009**



**Pastor:** Father John Stites  
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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

**Liturgy Committee:**  
 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  
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**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](http://www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com)

Lord, Heal  
 My Soul

**BAPTISM:** Nicholas Joseph Quartana, son of Anthony & Jennifer (Looser) Quartana

**Thanks!** To our Parish Boy Scouts, for their \$500 donation to our Parish Steeple Fund! Speaking of this Fund: At our last Parish Finance Committee meeting it was brought up that some parishioners are confused with regards to the various offertory envelopes. To clarify their use (purpose): The regular white envelope offerings are placed in the General Fund for the everyday expenses incurred by the Parish. The Yellow Monthly Offering is placed in the Parish Center account for the expenses of our Parish Center. The pink Church Repair envelope is used for the ongoing repairs to our beautiful church; this includes the steeple repairs scheduled to begin soon. As was indicated in a letter sent out some time ago, it is hoped that offerings for the church repair will help offset withdrawing a large amount from the present account for the steeple repair estimated at 208,000. At this time I wish to extend my gratitude to all who support our Parish's financial needs!  
 - Fr. John

**Lent begins this Wednesday, February 25.** This is a good time to review the regulations regarding Fast & Abstinence during Lent. Catholics are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

**Fasting** – Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On a fast day, individuals are allowed one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking in between meals.

**Abstinence** – Catholics 14 years of age and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all other Fridays of Lent.

**2009 Lent Penance Services**

Sun. March 15 – 2 PM Ottoville Immaculate Conception  
 Tues. March 17 – 7 PM Miller City St. Nicholas  
 Thurs. March 19 – 4 & 7 PM Glandorf St. John  
 Mon. March 23 – 7 PM Columbus Grove St. Anthony  
 Wed. March 25 – 7 PM Ft. Jennings St. Joseph  
 Sun. March 29 – 7 PM Leipsic St. Mary  
 Wed. April 1 – 4 & 7 PM Kalida St. Michael  
 Mon. April 6 – 4 & 7 PM Ottawa SS. Peter & Paul

**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. 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.

Don't forget to sign up or phone the above to be included in the study. We meet in the Family Room of the Parish Center. All are welcome.

**Peace Service for the Military** February 24 after 7 PM Mass.

**Ottoville CYO Girls** basketball team competes in their first tournament game Sunday (TODAY) in Toledo. GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!!



*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***LITURGIES**

S(22nd) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the  
 Joe & Sharon Horstman family  
 T(24th) 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the  
 Gilbert Kroeger family  
 W(25th) ASH WEDNESDAY  
 8:10 a.m. Deacons Walt Miller & Leon Turnwald  
 & Fr. Obergefell  
 7:00 p.m. Ambrose Koester  
 Th(26th) 8:10 a.m. Lawrence & Amanda Turnwald  
 F(27th) 8:10 a.m. Norbert & Marcella Bendele  
 S(28th) 4:00 p.m. Rudy & Alberta Deitering  
 S(1st) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Anthony Sanders  
 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

Morgan Beining, Brandt Landin, Tyler Roby

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Anthony Eickholt, Bryan Hohlbein,  
Zachary Weber**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Megan Bendele, Lindsey Eickholt,  
Emily Nussbaum**10:30 AM:** Ashley Hoehn, Derek Miller,  
Danielle Rellinger**LECTORS:** Michael Ruen, Carla Landin,  
Rochelle Trenkamp**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:****4:00 PM: Host:** Beth Eickholt, Judith Eickholt,  
Carol Giesken, Janice Warnecke**Cup:** Kathy Beining, Don Warnecke**Choir:** Jill Wenzlick (Total 7)**8:00 AM: Host:** Sharon Meyer, Patricia Ricker,  
Bernice Schnipke**Cup:** Deb Lindeman, Jan Von Lehmden**Choir:** Marcia Eickholt (Total 6)**10:30 AM: Host:** Doris Brinkman, Michelle Giesige,  
Jim Hoersten, Sheila Miller**Cup:** Jack & Helen Devitt**Choir:** Lenora Ball (Total 7)**USHERS:****4:00 PM:** Rod Beining, Kevin Lindeman,  
Dennis Schnipke, Darrell Von Sossan**8:00 AM:** Dan Bendele, Steve Hoersten,  
Steve Koester, Kyle Niemeyer**10:30 AM:** Steve Beining, Duane Boecker,  
Mike Heitmeyer, Gene Miller**ASH WEDNESDAY 8:10 AM:****SERVERS:** Morgan Beining, Brandt Landin, Tyler Roby**LECTOR:** Elementary Student**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:****Host:** Rose Brickner, Jean Byrne,

Mary Lou Miller, Nancy Vetter

**ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM:****SERVERS:** Drew Bendele, Alyssa Honigford,  
Adria Wannemacher**LECTOR:** Shayla Koester**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Host:** Bonnie Beining,  
Ann Beining, Sharon Brickner, Don Schlagbaum**Cup:** Julie Brickner, Brooke Koester**Choir:** Dee Dee Schlagbaum**GIFTS:****4:00 PM:** Jim & Grace Deitering family**8:00 AM:** Tom & Jan Nussbaum family**10:30 AM:** Art & Margie Schmursal family

*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*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**Chris Robbins, Tess Rieger, Kathy Risner, Toni Rieger,  
Deanna Roby, Mary Ann Rode, Kim Rue**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Nancy Vetter, Manager

Past Week's Help: JoJo Horstman, Mary Ellen Eversole,  
Phyllis Turnwald**COLLECTION REPORT: Budget:** \$5,000.00Sunday Collection: 5,093.53**Above Budget:** +93.53

Parish Center: \$89 Church Repair: \$211

**THANK YOU!!!****CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**Total as of February 13 - \$21,198.37**THANK YOU!**

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

**The next RAS meeting is** March 2 after the 7 PM Mass. Presenting the program will be Annie Ruen, "How I Was Cured of Bone Cancer." Committee chairlady is Anne Landwehr. The committee is Joann Horstman, Chris Wannemacher, and Sue Luersman. All ladies of the parish 18 years and older are already members of the Rosary-Altar Society.

**ATTENTION K of C MEMBERS** – There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation at Ottawa K of C March 1. If you don't have any of these degrees yet, contact Brian Eickholt, 419-286-2149 or Art Schnipke, 419-453-3304 for information. Anyone interested in becoming a K of C member can get all 3 degrees that day. Please respond as soon as possible.

**2009 Summer Park Program** registration forms have been sent home with students. All incoming Kindergarten students at Ottoville Schools are eligible to participate. Forms must be completed and returned to PO Box 332, Ottoville no later than March 13. Forms received after March 13 will be charged a \$10 per child late fee. Any questions regarding the park program may be directed to Ruth Kemper, 419-453-3874. Thanks!

**Coffee Club** 8 AM February 23 at Ottoville High School Auditoria. Grade 3 will sing and do sign language. Please park in front of the high school. Enter through the high school doors.

**FISH FRY** Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent at American Legion Post #715 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Adults \$8. Children under 12 - \$4. Carry-outs: \$7.

**All You Can Eat Fish & Chicken Fry** March 1, St. Barbara's Parish Hall, Cloverdale. Serving from 4:30-7 PM. Cost: Adults \$7, Children 12 & under \$3.50. Carry-outs, too! Sponsored by St. Barbara's Holy Name.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when, at the Transfiguration, he changed in front of them, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships. Children grow up, parents age and spouses change. Healthy relationships grow. Our challenge is to embrace the new.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** to Dave Kleman on his 300<sup>th</sup> win as Girls' Basketball Coach!

