



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**The Baptism of the Lord
 January 11, 2009**

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BANNS: The following couple asks your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:
 (I) Nathan Kohls & Jacqueline Wehri

DEATH: Sincere sympathies to the family of Thomas J. Looser. Tom died on January 4 at the age of 57. May he enjoy eternal peace and comfort in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for his family.

New Parish Council Members: The following three submitted their name for nomination to Parish Council: Lenora Ball, Don Warnecke and Nancy Vetter. Two other parishioners offered to serve; however the filing date had passed. Since there are only three present members whose terms have expired and no others submitted their names for nomination it was decided to appoint these three as members of Council. I thank the three new members for their willingness to serve and the other Parishioners who volunteered. – Fr. John

Home Bound Support Group:
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining – 419-453-3680

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

Those who donated **Christmas Poinsettias** may select one to take home after the 10:30 AM Mass TODAY.

Annual Hospitality Newsletter is at all Church entrances and will be available through the month of January.
 - Hospitality Committee

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would "outlaw any 'interference' in providing abortion at will. It would deprive the American people in all fifty states of the freedom they now have to enact modest restraints and regulations on the abortion industry. FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars. It would counteract any and all sincere efforts by government and others of good will to reduce the number of abortions in our country." (Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB, Nov. 12, 2008)

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE ON THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE v. WADE – Not going to the March for Life in Washington, DC? Then join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants for a Prayer Vigil for Life on January 22. Mass celebrated at Rosary Cathedral at 6 PM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Then drive to the Ashland Baptist Church parking lot to begin our one-block pilgrimage to the Center for Choice abortion clinic where abortions will be taking place. After praying the rosary, the group will return to the Cathedral for Benediction and refreshments. For more information, contact Mary Kay at 419-878-0486 or visit www.helpers-nwo.org

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? **Retrouvaille** (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

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LITURGIES

S(11th) 8:00 a.m. Elmer Martz, Jr.
 10:30 a.m. Bob Brinkman
 T(13th) 7:00 p.m. Armella Turnwald
 W(14th) 8:10 a.m. Lawrence & Amanda Turnwald
 Th(15th) 8:10 a.m. Charles J. Schweller
 F(16th) 8:10 a.m. Florentine Warnecke
 S(17th) 4:00 p.m. Thomas J. Looser
 S(18th) 8:00 a.m. Stephanie Kite
 10:30 a.m. Gerald Koester &
 Michael & Pauline Burgei

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

Chelsey Boecker, Claire Nussbaum, Joseph Van Oss
SAT: 4:00 PM: Kara Hoersten, Craig Odenweller,
 Audrey Rieger
SUN: 8:00 AM: Kari Beining, Justin Fischer,
 Caitlyn Landin
10:30 AM: Drew Bendele, Tricia Honigford,
 Danielle Rellinger

LECTORS: Mari-Lou Beining, Patricia Ricker,
 Carol Wittler

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Beth Eickholt, Judy Eickholt,
 Peggy Pohlman, Don Warnecke
Cup: Carol Giesken, Mary Lou Miller
Choir: Jan Warnecke (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Marcia Eickholt, Angie Niemeyer,
 Bernice Schnipke
Cup: Anne Landwehr, Nancy Vetter
Choir: Jan Von Lehmden (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Lenora Ball, Jack Devitt,
 Helen Devitt, Don Schlagbaum
Cup: Julie Brickner, Jean Byrne
Choir: Dee Dee Schlagbaum (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Dan Hoersten, Dennis Schnipke,
 Jim Wannemacher, Randy Warnecke
8:00 AM: Larry Beining, Dave Schlagbaum,
 John Vetter, Bob Weber
10:30 AM: Steve Beining, Duane Boecker,
 Carie Byrne, Mike Byrne

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Dan & Sue Bendele family
8:00 AM: Mike & Becky Landin family
10:30 AM: Helen Koester family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Evelyn Mueller, Genoveva Napao, Lori Niemeyer,
 Mary Lou Niemeyer, Julie Nussbaum, Jan Nussbaum,
 Pam Odenweller

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
 John 1:35-42

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Rita Hoersten, Manager
 Past Week's help: Phyllis Turnwald, Angie Hohlbein,
 Sharon Meyer

COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Sunday Collection: 5,128.00
Above Budget: +128.00
 New Years Day: \$1,977.00

Parish Center: \$204 Church Repair: \$7
 Additional Christmas Collection: \$295

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of January 5 - \$19,698.37

THANK YOU!

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

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

Engaged couples are reminded that they are *required* to attend an **Engaged Couples Conference** before their marriage. Our next conference is Sunday, March 1. You must register at the parish office, 419-453-3513 or immac@bright.net by January 25.

ICY Group Ski Trip is February 20. Any interested High School youth may pick up a registration form from Brian Beining at religion classes. Seating is limited!

A Day of Renewal sponsored by the Delphos St. John's Holy Spirit Prayer Group is January 17 from 9 AM – 5 PM including closing Liturgy at 4 PM at the St. John's Annex. Lunch 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.

CYO GAMES: Today, January 11**Boys "Hoffman" League:**

1 PM Schulte team at Columbus Grove St. Anthony
 1 PM Schnipke team at Ottoville vs. Leipsic St. Mary

Boys "Donovan" League:

Ottoville - Bye

Girls: 2:15 PM at Ottoville vs. Kalida St. Michael

OTTOVILLE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Registration for prospective kindergarten students for the 2009-2010 school year at Ottoville Local Schools is scheduled for January 5-16. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age before October 1, 2009. You may either call the school at 419-453-3357 between 9 AM and 3 PM or send a note to register your child. In either case, the information needs to consist of the child's name, child's social security number, child's birth date, parents' names, address & phone number.

Healthy Food Choices Can Work For You! Join us at the Ottoville-Monterey Twp. Library location on January 14 at 5:30 PM when Mona Lisa Hoffman from the OSU Extension Office prepares healthy food recipes for you to sample. Lots of recipes to make 2009 a healthier year. Please register by January 12 by calling 419-453-2111.

From The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, 419-925-7625 or www.spiritualcenter.net January 25 from 1:30-3:30 PM – My Call – Listen to the faith journey of Lynn Knapke of New Bremen. In high school Lynn believes she had an initial "call" from God, but it has been during these past five years that Lynn has felt a particular draw towards Mother Theresa and the Missionaries of Charity. "God has placed a desire in my heart, and it's freeing to not get caught up in all the material wants." In a day when vocation to religious life is rarely talked about, come listen to Lynn's story.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love; it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting, love.