



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 January 25, 2009**

**Pastor:** Father John Stites  
 Phone: 419-345-5999  
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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  
 Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM  
 Phone: 419-453-3513 Email: [immac@bright.net](mailto:immac@bright.net)

**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.

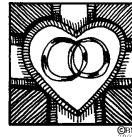
**New parishioners** are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call the office.

**Please note:** Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at 9 AM in writing, email, or fax.

**Parish Website:**  
[www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com)



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



**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](mailto:immac@bright.net) by January 26.

**PRAY FOR PEACE** by attending our Peace Service for the Military on January 27 after the 7 PM Communion Service.

*"If the election is misinterpreted ideologically as a referendum on abortion, the unity desired by President Obama and all Americans at this moment of crisis will be impossible to achieve. Abortion kills not only unborn children; it destroys constitutional order and the common good, which is assured only when the life of every human being is legally protected. Aggressively pro-abortion policies, legislation and executive orders will permanently alienate tens of millions of Americans, and would be seen by many as an attack on the free exercise of their religion."*  
 Statement by USCCB President Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB, Nov. 12, 2008

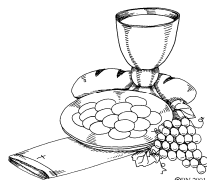
Please don't forget to fill out and mail the postcards you received at last weekend's Masses to our U.S. Senators, Sherrod Brown and George V. Voinovich and our U.S. Representative, Robert Latta to encourage them to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act.

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.

Jesus said: "I came to set a fire on the earth, and I wish it were already blazing" (Luke 12:49). Our hearts have been set on fire in baptism. The fire in us grows and blazes even more as we share with others about Jesus and enter into his world-wide mission. Our Annual Appeal for The Propagation of the Faith is this weekend. Please be generous. Thank You!

**Our Parish K of C** is sponsoring their second "Family Fun Night" on Friday January 30 beginning at 6 PM in the Parish Center Fitness Room (old band room) and Parish Gym. This is OPEN to the entire Parish; you need not be a member of the K of C to attend. Cards and camaraderie for the adults, board games and sports events for the youth. Food will be available. Please use the west entrance... Again, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**ATTENTION FRESHMAN CCD** – The class with Dr. Scherger has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Don't forget to bring your parents!!!



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**LITURGIES**

S(25th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the  
 Steve & Veronica Hilvers Family  
 T(27th) 7:00 p.m. Communion Service &  
 Peace Prayer Service  
 W(28th) 8:10 a.m. Communion Service  
 Th(29th) 8:10 a.m. Elvira K. Bodkins  
 F(30th) 8:10 a.m. Richard & Alice Bendele  
 S(31st) 1 PM WEDDING: Nathan Kohls & Jackie Wehri  
 4:00 p.m. Louis & Ronald Daeger  
 S(1st) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Victor, John, Tony Miller &  
 Dan Buecker



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**

Total as of January 20 - \$20,698.37

**THANK YOU!**

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the New Years' Eve Committee (Brian & Turtle Eickholt, Cindy & Kevin Knippen, Bob & Elaine Wehri, Bonnie & Paul Merschman, Janet & Gene Siefker) for their generous donation of \$1000 to our Steeple Repair Fund.

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:**

**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**  
 NO SERVERS NECESSARY

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Grant Altenburger, Logan Kortokrax,  
 Austin Schroeder

**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Kaitlyn Ditto, Erin Hohlbein,  
 Scott Pohlman

**10:30 AM:** Alyssa Honigford, Melany Honigford,  
 Adria Wannemacher

**LECTORS:** Michael Ruen, Anne Landwehr,  
 Stephanie Hoersten

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Kathy Beining, Beth Eickholt,  
 Judith Eickholt, Jill Wenzlick

**Cup:** Ted & Christine Herman

**Choir:** Carol Giesken (Total 7)

**8:00 AM: Host:** Marie Grote, Patricia Ricker,  
 Bernice Schnipke

**Cup:** Sharon Meyer, Ron Niemeyer

**Choir:** Marcia Eickholt (Total 6)

**10:30 AM: Host:** Rose Brickner, Doris Brinkman,  
 Michelle Giesige, Sheila Miller

**Cup:** Julie Brickner, Jim Hoersten

**Choir:** Jean Byrne (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Ralph Burgei, Anthony Davis,  
 Jerry Kaverman, Dale Martin

**8:00 AM:** Larry Beining, John Grote,  
 Steve Koester, Kyle Niemeyer

**10:30 AM:** Walt Brickner, Mike Heitmeyer,  
 Dan Honigford, John Schlagbaum



**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Betty Daeger family

**8:00 AM:** Gary & Peggy Pohlman family

**10:30 AM:** Guy & Linda Miller

*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**

Bonnie Niese, Maria Nienberg, Gina Moorman,  
 Marianne Miller, Jane E. Plescher, Dawn Pohlman,  
 Peggy Pohlman

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;

Mark 1:21-28

**ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:**

Stella Buettner, Manager

Past Help: Audrey Kimmet, Jan Hilvers, Edie Calvelage

**COLLECTION REPORT: Budget:** \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection: 5,851.75

**Above Budget:** +851.75

Parish Center: \$30

**THANK YOU!!!**



**ICY GROUP** is sponsoring an **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** on February 8 in the Parish Center

Banquet Room from 9 AM – 12 noon.

Adults \$5 Children 6-12 \$3. Menu includes

Pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.

Proceeds to benefit Ottoville ICY Group and

CYO programs. Everyone invited!

**Theology on Tap at Caballero's** – Young adults 18-30

are invited to gather, discuss issues of faith and socialize

during a Theology on Tap event entitled, "Why be

Catholic?" at 6 PM January 27 at Caballero's Landeck

Tavern, 14620 Landeck Road. Speaker for the evening

is Rev. Eric Schild of Fostoria St. Wendelin. Dinner will

be available for those wishing to purchase a meal. For

more information call St. John's, 419-695-4050.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Mass – Dinner-Dance is

February 8 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church,

Delphos. Mass is at 3:30 PM. Dinner-Dance is from 5-9

PM at the Delphos K of C Hall. Music by "Another

Round". Cost is \$25 per couple. Cash bar.

**College Night at St. Charles**, Lima is open to all college

students in the area. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday nights each month starting with Mass at 6 PM.

The evening includes dinner and a speaker in Room 1

downstairs. The next College Night is January 25. For

more information call Sandy Connell, 419-222-5521 or

[sconnell@wcoil.com](mailto:sconnell@wcoil.com)

**Natural Family Planning** classes are being held in 3

sessions on February 15, March 15 & April 5 at St.

Aloysius Parish (Clare Hall), Bowling Green from 1-3

PM. To register contact Jim & Linda Kettinger at 419-

354-3134.

**The CYO of the Diocese of Toledo** is seeking a full-

time Administrative Assistant. Hourly wage is

approximately \$12/hour. If you have strong

communication skills and are proficient in Microsoft

Office products, submit your resume to

[rcoutts@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rcoutts@toledodiocese.org)

**The 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** It must have been difficult for

Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus.

It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' and

he surely enjoyed working each day alongside his boys.

Our children are never ours. They are only on loan to

us. We raise them to let them go.