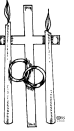




The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 26, 2009**



Pastor: Father John Stites
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Deacon: Deacon Jose' Flores

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 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702

Youth Minister
 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

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 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
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Home Bound Support Group:
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480
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Parish Council:
 Mr. Jim Hoersten -Pres.
 Mrs. Lenora Ball
 Mr. Ron Hemker
 Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum
 Mrs. Nancy Vetter
 Mr. Eddie Luersman
 Mrs. Virginia Beining
 Mrs. Barb Hoersten
 Mr. Adam Schnipke
 Mr. Donald Warnecke

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: 10:30 AM

Daily Masses:

Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday: 7 PM – 2nd & 4th of the month
 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: August 8, and October 10, 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



BANNS: The following couples ask your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:

- (I) Hilary Schimmoeller & Scott Gasser
- (II) Ashley Ruen & Matt Kunz
- (III) Brittany Klima & Daniel Albrinck

A BIG THANK YOU to General Chairperson, Amy Martin, her Assistant, Tina Koester, to all the booth chairs and other hard workers who made our Church Fair such a success! With the great weather and attendance, I anxiously await the final results! Again, THANKS! to all of you who made this a success. Especially to all who purchased the Big Tickets and/or sold them! - Fr. John

CONGRATULATIONS! To the winner of the Festival Big Ticket Raffle: \$1000 – Dan & Ruth Honigford, \$500 – Terry & Sheila Kortokrax, \$250 – Deanna Odenweller, \$250 – Brent Pohlman, \$200 – George Ricker, \$150 – Susan A. Williams, \$150 – Mike Laudick, \$100 – Jim Kaple, \$100 – Cheryl Kleman, \$100 Dave Fischbach, \$50 Mike Ruen, \$50 – Nancy Beining, \$50 – Shirley Hammond, \$50 – Millie McElwain
 Highest Ticket Seller - \$50 – Cheryl & Dave Kleman
 Second High Seller - \$30 – Bob & Marie Warnecke
 Third High Seller – 420 – Diane & Brian Eickholt

Outstanding Festival bills are due into the Parish Office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Thanks! As soon as ALL income & expenses are tabulated, a report will be issued to the parish. The Big Ticket netted \$18,746.01!

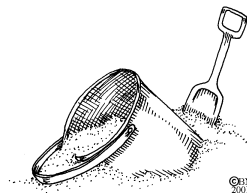
The Baked Goods Booth was very successful again this year. The managers would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods for the Festival and also want to thank all of our workers who put their time in to help the booth. With everyone doing their part it was a success. Thanks again!

Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering 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, 419-260-5811.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on August 21-23 call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

The DVD of the activities taken in this parish in 1955 is now available in the foyer of the Parish Office. Please return it as soon as possible. Thanks.

Join us in prayer at our **PEACE SERVICE FOR THE MILITARY** on July 28 after the 7 PM Mass.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGIES

- S(26th) 10:30 a.m. Elmer & Armella Martz
- T(28th) 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Gilbert & Frances Kroeger family
- W(29th) 8:10 a.m. Joe & Magdalen Langhals
- Th(30th) 8:10 a.m. Kevin Brickner
- F(31st) 8:10 a.m. Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma, and Rudy Gasser
- S(1st) 1:00 p.m. WEDDING:
Brittany Klima & Daniel Albrinck
- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Joe & Mary Wehri family
- S(2nd) 10:30 a.m. Adolph & Irene Maag & Tony & Gertie Schlagbaum

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:

SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.

Erica Brickner, Dana Eickholt, Cole Giesken

SAT: 4:00 PM: Rachel Beining, Craig Odenweller, Zachary Weber

SUN: 10:30 AM: Kari Beining, Lori Hoersten, Julie Schmersal

LECTORS: Jill Wenzlick, Rhonda Hilvers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Christine Herman, Ron Niemeyer, Peggy Pohlman, Mike Ricker

Cup: Kathy Beining, Patricia Ricker

Choir: Ted Herman (Total 7)

10:30 AM: Host: Michelle Giesige, Brooke Koester, Don Schlagbaum, Adria Wannemacher

Cup: Jean Byrne, Jim Hoersten

Choir: Dee Dee Schlagbaum (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Rodney Beining, Dan Hoersten, Gary Turnwald, Bob Weber

10:30 AM: Larry Beining, Carie Byrne, Mike Byrne, Taylor Mangas

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Volunteers

10:30 AM: Don & Dee Schlagbaum 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

Velma Altenburger, Deb Altenburger, Bettie Altenburger, Judy Altenburger, Diane Arn, Lenora Ball, Judy Aversch

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:

Nancy Vetter, Manager

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

July: Lenora Ball, Ceil Eickholt

COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection: 4,082.15

Below Budget: -917.85

Parish Center: \$27 Church Repair: \$20

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of July 20 - \$26,058.37

THANK YOU!

2009 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal: \$28,000

Pledged to date: \$22,704



Please join me for a Prayer Service the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7 PM in the Church.

- Don Warnecke

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

in Carey invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8 PM (Sunday 2:30 PM). Fr. David Ross will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. More information at 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com

RETREATS: At Saint Meinrad Archabbey

Guest House and Retreat Center, August 7-9, by Br. Karl Cothorn, OSB, Virtue: Living the "Good" Life – what does virtue have to do with Christian discipleship? Everything! This retreat will reflect on the virtues of faith, hope and love as fundamental dispositions for growth in holiness. To register: visit www.saintmeinrad.edu and click on "Retreat Program" at the bottom. (Fee: \$225 single, \$375 double)

At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

August 14-16, Journaling Your Personal and Spiritual Journey. Wendy Hart Beckman will take you on a journaling journey to help you discover that life of clarity and completeness. Register by August 7. \$176 per person. Register by calling 419-925-7625.

The Catholic Order of Foresters (COF)

formerly the Catholic Knights of Ohio (CKO) monthly meeting is July 28 at 8:30 PM at the hall in Landeck. All members and anyone interested in membership are welcomed. Membership is open to all Catholics. For more information about the fellowship and fraternal benefits of Forester membership contact Don Wiechart, 419-647-6906 or dwiechart@watchtv.net

The Brass Notes

will be playing in the Gazebo July 31 from 6-7 PM. In case of rain, the Parish Center Gym will be used. Bring a lawn chair and join in the fun!

CRAFT SHOW

– at the Glandorf Park Festival September 5. Interested vendors may apply at www.glandorfpark.org and click on the link to the park fest to print an application.

AREA FESTIVALS:

Columbus Grove, St. Anthony, August 1-2. Saturday: Chicken BBQ, 5K Race. Sunday: Chicken & Beef dinners. Grand Prize: 2009 Chevrolet Malibu.

Ft. Jennings, St. Joseph, August 9 from 10 AM – 7 PM.

Beef & Chicken Dinners, Big Ticket Drawing, Corn Hole Tournament, many more games & entertainment!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel a child shared his little lunch and thousands were fed, proof that the smallest act of sharing can have great significance. There are people in our lives who are starving for attention, understanding and affection. The gospel is clear: when we share ourselves, miracles happen. Take time to be miraculous.

It is not enough for us even to defend innocent human life. Of course, if we fail to do this, we fail in our most urgent task. But by good deeds of love and charity, we must build this active culture of life that is ready and capable of turning back hell itself. If we won't put the abortionist out of business we are pitiable souls. If we don't enact laws and work tirelessly to change human hearts so that life is forever revered and protected, we have not fought the good fight which is our charge as the Church Militant. As warriors we must first beat back the enemy. But then let us not forget that we are warriors for the victory of life!

- Most Rev. Robert W. Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Address to Gospel of Life Convention, April 18, 2009

