



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**First Sunday of Lent  
 March 1, 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

**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.

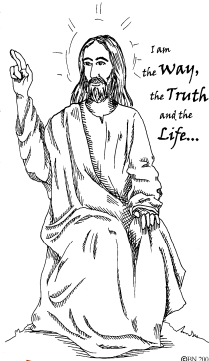
**Engaged Couples Conference:** First Sunday of March and November.

**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)



*Open Your Heart  
 To God*

*"One day... our nation will... look back on what we have been doing to innocent human beings within their mothers as a crime no less heinous than what was approved by the Supreme Court in the 'Dred Scott case' in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and no less heinous than what was perpetrated by Hitler and Stalin in the 20<sup>th</sup>."*

*- Cardinal Edward Egan in Catholic New York, October 23, 2008*

**A Pro-Life Prayer**

**for Our President and Public Officials**

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life, Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership rolls, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, A society that upholds the value of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**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 Putnam County RIGHT TO LIFE** meeting is March 3 in the Kalida Medical Arts Building at 7:30 PM. The public is welcome.

The Kalida K of C is sponsoring a **FISH FRY** April 3 from 4 – 7 PM to benefit the Putnam County Right To Life.

All Married Couples are invited to our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Renewal** night March 13 at 7:30 PM in the Kalida St. Michael's church basement. Fr. Dan Fraser will give the presentation followed by a social time with wine and cheese. Cost is \$20 per couple. Contact Julie Siebeneck, 419-532-2572, or Jill Zeller, 419-532-2511 with questions. Register at: [www.kalidastmichaels.org](http://www.kalidastmichaels.org) under "Recent Bulletins".

**The St. Mary's Cemetery Board** asks that you have all decorations placed on or in the ground and not fixed on the monuments removed by March 14 so that spring clean-up can begin. Thanks!

**Hearthstone Junior High Gathering** is in Ottawa on March 15. Forms were sent home with the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the last religion class. Contact Renee Kelch if your child did not receive a form. Please return the medical form to Renee.

**ATTENTION:** The youth group is still in need of jelly size canning jars. Call Renee Kelch if you can donate. Thanks!

First Sunday of Lent

**LITURGIES**

- S(1st) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Anthony Sanders
- 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- M(2nd) 7:00 p.m. Deceased members of Rosary-Altar Society
- T(3rd) 7:00 p.m. John & Margie Herman
- W(4th) 8:10 a.m. Gene & Chris Gerdeman
- Th(5th) 8:10 a.m. Elizabeth Wilson
- F(6th) 8:10 a.m. Betty Wieman
- S(7th) 4:00 p.m. Leonard & Armella Turnwald
- S(8th) 8:00 a.m. Agnes Niemeyer
- 10:30 a.m. Adolph & Irene Maag & Tony & Gertrude Schlagbaum
- 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**  
Helen Devitt & Mary Ann Rode



**COLLECTION REPORT: Budget:** \$5,000.00  
 Sunday Collection: 4,516.46  
**Below Budget:** -483.54  
 Parish Center: \$21 Church Repair: \$40

**THANK YOU!!!**

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

**Servers for Stations March 1:** Chelsey Boecker, Elizabeth Luersman, Robyn Turnwald

**Servers for Stations March 8:** Trent Miller, Claire Nussbaum, Joseph Van Oss

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

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

Chelsey Boecker, Elizabeth Luersman, Robyn Turnwald

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Matthew Burgei, Kendra Eickholt, Craig Odenweller

**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Nichole Kimmet, Chris Rieger, Nathan Turnwald

**10:30 AM:** Kurt Beining, Amy Hohlbein, Melany Honigford

**LECTORS:** Jill Wenzlick, Anne Landwehr, Carol Wittler

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Leon Burgei, Judy Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman, Don Warnecke

**Cup:** Christine & Ted Herman

**Choir:** Judith Eickholt (Total 7)

**8:00 AM: Host:** Marcia Eickholt, Angie Niemeyer, Jan Von Lehmden

**Cup:** Carol Hoersten, Deb Lindeman

**Choir:** Mike Ricker (Total 6)

**10:30 AM: Host:** Ann Beining, Jill Hohlbein, Don & Dee Schlagbaum

**Cup:** Ginny Beining, Julie Nussbaum

**Choir:** Bonnie Beining (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Randy Altenburger, Ralph Burgei, Jerry Kaverman, Dale Martin

**8:00 AM:** Larry Beining, Rod Niemeyer, Dave Schlagbaum, Bob Weber

**10:30 AM:** Brian Beining, Dave Fischbach, Dan Honigford, Tony Rieger

**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Carl & Jenny Turnwald

**8:00 AM:** Tim & Donna Turnwald family

**10:30 AM:** Don & Dee Dee Schlagbaum



*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**

Dorothy Ruen, Dorothy Sanders, Melissa Roth, Annette Ruen, Millie Ruen, Joan Ruen, Diane Ruen

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Nancy Vetter, Manager

Past Week's Help: Otto & Rosie Wenzlick, Lois McKnight

**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.

**Author,** pianist and worship leader Robert Rogers will deliver his message of "Live a Life of No Regrets" during a presentation at 7 PM March 30 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Delphos. Rogers will share the story of how his faith helped him recover after he lost his wife and 4 children in a flashflood in 2003. The public is invited. Donations will be accepted.

**At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein** March 12 from 10 AM – 3 PM "St. Paul Shows Us How to Live and Die." In this year of St. Paul, the Holy Father tells us to look to Paul as a model. Paul says: "It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me." From Scripture and stories we will learn how we die and we rise each day of our lives. Fr. Jim Dugal, C.P.P.S., will lead this day of reflection. The day will include Mass. \$15 donation includes lunch. Register by March 6 at 419-925-7625 or email [spiritualcenter@watchtv.net](mailto:spiritualcenter@watchtv.net)

**An Alzheimer's Support Group** meeting is March 2 at The Sarah Jane Living Center at 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome.

**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!

**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.

**FISH FRY** 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:** Today's gospel tells us "the Spirit DROVE Jesus into the Desert." Evidently, Jesus was reluctant to go! We all have areas in family relationships which we avoid. During this Lent let the Spirit lead you into those areas you have been avoiding. The gospel promises us: "This is the time of fulfillment." Don't miss the opportunity.