



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Third Sunday of Lent
 March 15, 2009**

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Deacon: Deacon Jose' Flores
Coordinator of Religious Education:
 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702
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 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
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 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891
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 Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center
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 Phone: 419-453-3513 Email: immac@bright.net
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.

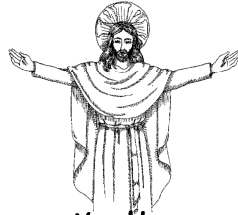
Engaged Couples Conference: First Sunday of March and November.

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



*Lord, You Have the
 Words of Everlasting Life*

BAPTISM: Garrett Gebhard Gasser, son of Wayne & Heather (Runyon) Gasser



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

THANK YOU – We would like to say Thank You to family, friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, visits & gifts after our car accident on December 31, 2008. A special 'Thank You' to Ottoville EMS & Fr. John.
 - Ruth & Len Klima

To donate a flower for Easter in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope at one of the church exits, place \$13 inside, put your name and the name of your loved one on the outside and drop it in the collection basket before April 5.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. When you donate to **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**, you give hope. Please be generous in next week's Collection.

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom will be at the Ottawa K of C on April 26 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Doors open at 3:45 PM. Senior Citizens interested in attending may call the parish office, 419-453-3513, to make a reservation by April 13. This year's theme is "Cinderella's Ball". Come enjoy food, entertainment, games and door prizes. This event is coordinated by the St. George Deanery Youth Ministers and High School Students. You may even wear "Ball Attire" if you like!

RURAL LIFE MASS is March 31 at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Ottawa. The celebration begins at 7 PM and will include a blessing of farmers, soil & seeds. Everyone is invited to bring soil or seed to be mixed with ours and take some home to bless the land.

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service March 30 at Defiance St. John Church, 510 Jackson Ave. at 7 PM. There will be Sacrament of the Sick and individual prayer ministry immediately following Mass. For more information contact Catholic Charismatic Renewal office at 419-691-6686.

THE CEMETERY BOARD will be replacing more footers in the old West section of the cemetery again this summer. Any contractor interested in bidding on this work may contact Mike Byrne, 419-453-3475. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this project may also contact Mike.

FESTIVAL MANAGERS meeting April 1 in the Family Room at 6 PM. Festival worker's list due by June 12.



Third Sunday of Lent

LITURGIES

S(15th) 8:00 a.m. Stephanie Kite
 10:30 a.m. Agnes Ellerbrock
2:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE
 T(17th) 7:00 p.m. Floyd, Anna, Thomas Stites
 W(18th) 8:10 a.m. Cy Hemmelgarn
 Th(19th) 8:10 a.m. Clete & Mary Gerding
 F(20th) 8:10 a.m. Armella & Elmer Martz, Sr.
 S(21st) 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
 Jim & Ruth Wannemacher family
 S(22nd) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Ott, Norma & Mark Schlagbaum &
 Joe & Marlene Kaverman
 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Sunday Collection: 4,776.35
Below Budget: -223.65
 Parish Center: \$157
THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:
 Total as of February 2 - \$21,208.37
THANK YOU!

Servers for Stations March 22: Brandt Landin,
 Wesley Markward, Mathew Niemeyer

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:
SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Austin Honigford, Alexis Wannemacher,
 Lindsey Wannemacher
SAT: 4:00 PM: Ryan Honigford, Taylor Mangas,
 Marissa Pohlbel
SUN: 8:00 AM: Kenny Jackson, Austin Meyer,
 Gayle Rayman
10:30 AM: Nathan Beining, Alyssa Honigford,
 Adria Wannemacher

LECTORS: Carl Turnwald, Anne Landwehr,
 Kevin Horstman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
4:00 PM: Host: Leon Burgei, Judy Eickholt,
 Mike Ricker, Don Warnecke
Cup: Ted & Chris Herman
Choir: Mary Lou Miller (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Angie Niemeyer, Nancy Vetter,
 Jan Von Lehmden
Cup: Deb Lindeman, Sharon Meyer
Choir: Marcia Eickholt (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Bonnie Beining, Ginny Beining,
 Rose Brickner, Don Schlagbaum
Cup: Lenora Ball, Jim Hoersten
Choir: Dee Dee Schlagbaum (Total 7)

USHERS:
4:00 PM: Anthony Davis, Brad Eickholt,
 Dale Martin, Jim Wannemacher
8:00 AM: Joel Edelbrock, David Schlagbaum,
 John Vetter, Otto Wenzlick
10:30 AM: Carl Beining, Walt Brickner,
 Mark Hilvers, Gene Turnwald

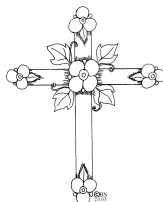
GIFTS:
4:00 PM: John & Sherri Wannemacher family
8:00 AM: Rod & Sonia Stoner family
10:30 AM: The Family of Ott & Norma Schlagbaum

PRAY THE ROSARY
 Lori Schimmoeller, Helen Schimmoeller,
 Rosemary Scarbrough, Kassie Sarka,
 Shannon Schlagbaum, Dee Dee Schlagbaum
 Jane Schlagbaum

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:
 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10;
 John 3:14-21

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:
 Elma Kaufman, Manager
 Past Help: Laura Schnipke

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:
 Helen Devitt & Mary Ann Rode



Christ Renew His Parish (CRHP) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and with others in the faith community. A CRHP Weekend for Women is April 25-26 at St. Joseph's in Ft. Jennings. There is no cost, however, attendance is limited to first-come, first-serve. To register or with questions contact Amy Ricker, 419-286-3743 or Julie Fischbach, 419-286-2361.

Tajci's powerful concert event "**I Thirst - The Crucifixion Story**" will be at St. John's Church, 510 Jackson Ave, Defiance on March 22 at 2 PM. More info available at www.idobelieve.com Free will offering accepted.

St. Anthony of Padua School in Columbus Grove is seeking a principal for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic with preferably a Masters in Education and/or Administration. The school presently has 171 students in grades K-8. The candidate should request an application packet from the school office at 419-659-2103. A resume will be required. Applications should be received by March 31. Interviews will be taking place in April.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets each Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center Family Room. Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting March 17. Contact Janice, 419-532-3586, or Karen, 419-453-3644, for more information.

Bloodmobile at Ft. Jennings School is March 25 from Noon - 6 PM. Donors must be at least 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health, feel well on the day of donation and not have donated within the previous 56 days. Call the high school, 419-286-2238 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Fellowship Breakfast March 22 from 8:15 AM - 12 noon in the Church Basement of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Pastries, coffee & OJ. Cost is \$5. Proceeds go back to the community. Thanks for your support.

Still time to sign up to participate in the **Ottoville Community Garage Sale** on May 2. Forms at Village Market, Post Office, Banks in Ottoville, Express Mart, Subway, and Ottoville Hardware. Call Jean Steele, 419-453-3534 for information.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Stop making my Father's house a market place." Has your home been reduced to an extension of the shopping mall, a chaotic feeding station or Laundromat?? If you are not busy and productive, do you feel you are wasting time? This week, waste time just being together.

The Family is... a school which enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity. The experience of being loved by their parents helps children to become aware of their dignity as children.
 - Pope Benedict XVI, Address at the Vigil of Prayer, Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 8, 2006