



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2009

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 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702

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 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

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Liturgy Committee:
 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

Director of Music/Flowers:
 Mrs. Irene Miller – 419-453-3275

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 Mr. Dave Koester – 419-453-3513

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 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

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 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

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. 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



God So Loved the World
 That He Gave His Only
 Begotten Son

BAPTISM: Carson Jacob Turnwald, son of Alyssa Turnwald & Benjamin Schroeder



DEATHS: Please remember in your prayers our most recent deaths, Lucinda A. Langhals who died on March 15 at 92 years of age and Esther C. Eggeman who died on March 16 at 100 years of age. May God reward them with an eternity with Him in heaven. Please pray for their families.

2009 Lent Penance Services

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is TODAY! The Collection supports resettlement services for victims displaced by the Iraq war. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to Catholic Relief Services you give hope. Please be generous.

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.

Are you being called to use your talent, love of people, and your faith? Become part of the **Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program** (Supported by Annual Catholic Appeal). First year classes begin this Fall. Contact Sister Carla Murar, OSU Director of the Lay Ministry Program, 419-244-6711 or cmurar@toledodiocese.org, to set up an interview time. Interviews scheduled late May – August 10. Deadline for application is August 1.

YOUNG MEN'S RETREATS – Fr. Adam Hertzfeld and diocesan seminarians will be directing two retreats this summer helping young men get away for some solid prayer time and spiritual direction. These retreats are not necessarily for discernment of the priesthood, but meant to help young men draw closer to Jesus and grow in their desire to follow Him in whatever way of life He has prepared for them. The retreats will include Mass and confessions as well as plenty of food and some sports. June 26-28 is for those entering grades 9-12. July 10-12 for those entering grades 7-8. Call the Vocations office, 419-244-6711, to sign up or for more details. Reservations are first come, first serve.

The recent **Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)** postcard campaign sent over 33 million postcards to Capital Hill from across the nation. To enhance that campaign, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has now launched an e-mail campaign to urge Congress to maintain widely-supported pro-life policies. To participate in USCCB's pro-life e-mail campaign visit: www.usccb.org/postcard Thanks for your support of Life!

Best Wishes to Fr. John
On the anniversary
of his birth,
March 25!



Fourth Sunday of Lent

LITURGIES

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
 T(24th) 7:00 p.m. Louis & Ronald Daeger
 W(25th) 8:10 a.m. Esther Eggeman
 Th(26th) 8:10 a.m. Lucinda Langhals
 F(27th) 8:10 a.m. Richard J. Bendele
 S(28th) 4:00 p.m. Anthony Hoersten
 S(29th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Gilbert Ellerbrock
 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



COLLECTION REPORT: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Sunday Collection: 5,043.34
Above Budget: +43.34
 Parish Center: \$12 Church Repair: \$3.45
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
Servers for Stations March 29: Austin Honigford,
 Alexis Wannemacher, Lindsey Wannemacher

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:

SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Brandt Landin, Wesley Markward, Mathew Niemeyer
SAT: 4:00 PM: Cory Fischer, Cory Honigford,
 Austin Schroeder
SUN: 8:00 AM: Travis Eickholt, Ross Honigford,
 Lauren Koch
10:30 AM: Kurt Beining, Derek Koester,
 Matthew Niemeyer

LECTORS: Dorothy Flores, Beth Schnipke,
 Sharon Brickner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Leon Burgei, Carol Giesken,
 Janice Warnecke, Jill Wenzlick
Cup: Judith Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman
Choir: Kathy Beining (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Ron Niemeyer, Mike Ricker,
 Bernice Schnipke
Cup: Marcia Eickholt, Anne Landwehr
Choir: Deb Lindeman (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Ann Beining, Doris Brinkman,
 Jean Byrne, Jim Hoersten
Cup: Jill Hohlbein, Amy Hohlbein
Choir: Sheila Miller (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

4:00 PM: Randy Altenburger, Ralph Burgei,
 Jerry Kaverman, Gary Pohlman
8:00 AM: Bob Bendele, Rodney Niemeyer,
 Adam Schnipke, Bob Weber
10:30 AM: Brian Beining, Carie Byrne,
 Mike Byrne, Tony Rieger

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Dan & Barb Hoersten family
8:00 AM: Rick & Becky Eickholt family
10:30 AM: Alan & Angie Niemeyer family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Lori Schleeter, Margie Schmursal, Pat (John) Schneider,
 Patty (Rick) Schneider, Beth Schnipke, Tammy Saxton,
 Bernice Schnipke

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Annette Hilvers, Manager
 Past Help: Alice Hilvers, Jeanette Knippen

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

Helen Devitt & Mary Ann Rode

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

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.

Theology on Tap at Caballero's is March 24 at 6 PM at
 Caballero's Landeck Tavern. Find out more about the
 meaning of the Mass when Rev. Jacob Gordon presents
 "Why the Mass?" Theology on Tap is for adults 18-39 to
 gather and discuss issues of faith and socialize. For
 more information call 419-695-4050.

**The Annual Putnam County Cancer Dance and
 Auction** is April 4 at the Leipsic Fogle Center. Doors
 open at 5 PM. Auction starts at 6 PM. Dance from 7-11
 PM. "Another Round" to provide music. Admission is
 \$5. Food and refreshments available, also 50/50 tickets,
 door prizes and many wonderful auction items. Enjoy
 the fun while raising money for a great cause! You may
 make a donation by contacting Helen Devitt, 419-453-
 3204 or Marilyn Kaufman, 419-453-3735.

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!

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.

At the Toledo Art Museum a special presentation by
 Fr. Kent Kaufman, "Life, Mission and Writings of St.
 Paul" beginning at 4 PM and lasting 1½ hours. Meet in
 the Classic Court at the Museum. Parking is \$5.

COFFEE CLUB March 24 at 8 AM. Grade 4 will
 present. All community members are welcomed. We
 had 36 visitors last time, more would be great! Park in
 front and enter at the high school entrance.

Bloodmobile at Ft. Jennings School is March 25 from
 Noon – 6 PM. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at
 least 110 pounds, 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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Notice in today's gospel:
 "God so loved us, He GAVE his Son." Love is about
 GIVING, not getting! Love is not selfish. Lovers are
 givers with no strings attached.